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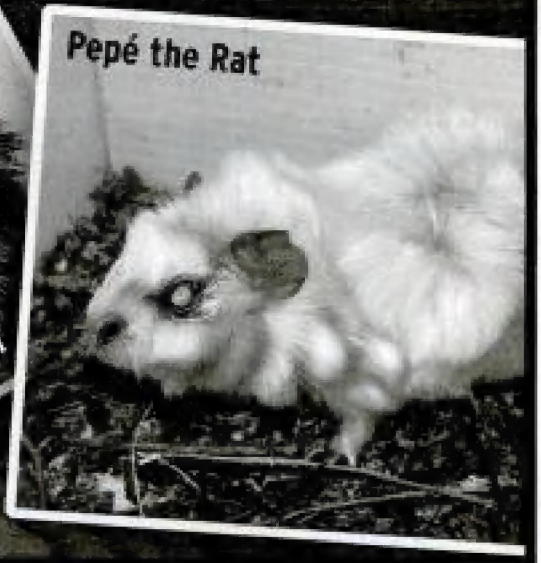

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HONEYMOON *ON* THE MOON

New Trip for Wealthy Couples

BY MICHAEL ROVIN

HOUSTON, Texas — English entrepreneur William Boughton has undertaken a bold enterprise that will interest newlyweds with lots of cash.

"It occurred to me that if married couples began their union by sharing something truly out of this world, it might hold them together through rough times," said the billionaire. "The honeymoon is the perfect occasion to form that bond. That's why I'm working on sending newlywed couples on a trip they'll never forget.

"To the moon!"

For the past two years, Boughton's Vestal Enterprises has been constructing a state-of-the-art space cruiser that will be making round trips to the moon by 2010.

"*The Honeymooner* will seat ten couples in specially designed love seats," smiled Boughton. "I'm working hard to keep the cost of the trip down. Tickets will be one million dollars for each couple. That's relatively cheap for space travel. I hope to make up for the cost of the project by never having down time."

Boughton's plan is to have *The Honeymooner* land on the moon and allow the husbands and wives to experience the breathtaking views and one-sixth gravity for the day. "I'm guessing there is nothing more romantic than watching an earthrise.

"We've designed space suits that will allow them to venture onto the lunar surface, though those will cost another half-million each," he added. "The insurance liability for that activity is astronomical. The good news is they will be able to enjoy a picnic on the lunar surface.

"The challenge was finding a way for them to feed themselves without being exposed to space. The solution was steamed vegetables pumped into their oxygen supply. And by that I mean vegetables that have been reduced to steam. It's not exactly a picnic basket, but the good news is — no ants."

Ten of the country's wealthiest affianced couples have already purchased reservations on the inaugural flight of *The Honeymooner*.

"I'm very proud of what we're accomplishing," said Boughton. "Just think. When people look at the night sky in a few years, they'll be seeing the man *and* woman in the moon."

Top Secret Revealed!

CASTRO UNDER THE CARE OF ALIEN DOCTORS!

HAVANA, Cuba – "Not true!" claimed Presidential spokesperson Maria Cuerva. "Our recovering leader, Fidel Castro, is alive and well and being cared for in Havana by *his own* medical staff."

Despite her claim, *Weekly World News* has learned that the Cuban dictator is, in fact, in the custody of the galaxy-spanning Extraterrestrial Medical Technicians from the planet Crichton ("Your Doctor Could Be An Alien," *Weekly World News*, December 4, 2006).

"One of our patrol boats in the Gulf of Mexico intercepted a radio communiqué that the E.T.s were coming to get him," revealed Juan Jimenez, Coast Guard Petty Officer, 3rd Class. "That night, we photographed a beam of light flash over the exclusive Cineq Hospital in Havana. Computer enhancement revealed a gaunt, bearded figure inside the light.

"That figure is *el presidente*," Jimenez added.

The Coast Guard had no additional comment, though *Weekly World News* has noted that a satellite dish on board a small response boat positioned off the Florida Keys has been trained on a spot in the heavens where the E.M.T. medical saucers have been known to operate.

Messages sent to KaCee, the lead Crichtonian surgeon, were not returned.

"The story, and that image, are fabrications of the C.I.A.," Cuerva insisted. "May it be many years before President Castro goes to the bright light, extraterrestrial or otherwise."

— Jim Grand

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Internet Entrepreneur Knows What Women Want: FE-MAIL

By Terrance Orrance

MENLO PARK, Calif. — "Don't tell me I'm pandering," said Internet entrepreneur Adam Attaboy. "The fact is, I know how to please a woman. Give them shopping bargains, someone to take care of them, a way to stay thin, and they're happy."

Attaboy has used his understanding of the female psyche to create e-mail messaging just for women. He calls it 'Fe-mail.'

"Messages must be sent to our subscribers in tiny, four-point type, twenty words or less," said Attaboy. "No flab. And they must express complimentary feminine sentiments or the spam filter will prevent them from going through."

Acceptable incoming Fe-mail abbreviations include AYS (Anything You Say) and WYW (Whatever You Want). All others are blocked.

"There is also a reverse spam filter that watches outgoing mail," Attaboy said. "Actually, it's 'a pms-filter.' If the user sends two downright nasty or three uppity messages in a row, we bounce the mail back. That has saved our subscribers many unnecessary blow-ups with significant others, parents, children, bosses and each other. They are so grateful that we take care of them this way. Women save *hours* of needless e-mailing time."

Knowing how women appreciate bargains, Fe-mail is inexpensive. The base rate is ten dollars a month.

"Prices go up for special packages," Attaboy added. "These include designer emoticons such as loved ones mouthing 'AYS' or personalized flowers on special days, digital photos that are automatically botoxed before being sent and access to exclusive sales."

So far, customer response to Fe-mail has been overwhelmingly positive.

"My favorite feature is the IM," said forty-year-old Lily Lang. "The mouse senses when I'm tense and gives me an Instant Massage."

"I love the address book," said thirty-three-year-old Jenny Tino. "If someone breaks up with me, it tracks them for a year and alerts potential girlfriends that they're a jerk. You can't put a price on that kind of peace of mind."

Attaboy intends to offer a new service in the fourth quarter of this year.

"Any man who writes to our subscribers through a dating service cannot simply send a photo attachment," he said. "We will pre-screen him and make sure it is a photo commitment."

This One

BREAKING WWN NEWS

Environmentalist Warns Mob:

NO MORE SLEEPING WITH FISHES!

GROUPER, N. J. — "It's despicable," roared environmentalist and ichthyologist Robert Finn. "Besides showing utter contempt for marine life, it's *probably* illegal."

Finn, a fishery ecologist with the Jersey Asbury Water Society, was referring to the mob practice of dumping one's enemies into the water.

"They call it 'sleeping with the fishes,'" snapped Dr. Finn. "That's an insult to our scaled friends and it clutters the seabed. Besides, it's technically wrong as many species of fish don't sleep at all. But I digress...

"We'd prefer they call the practice 'resting with the gophers," he explained. "They should bury these guys in the dirt where they belong, and where the local fauna expects to find rotting carcasses."

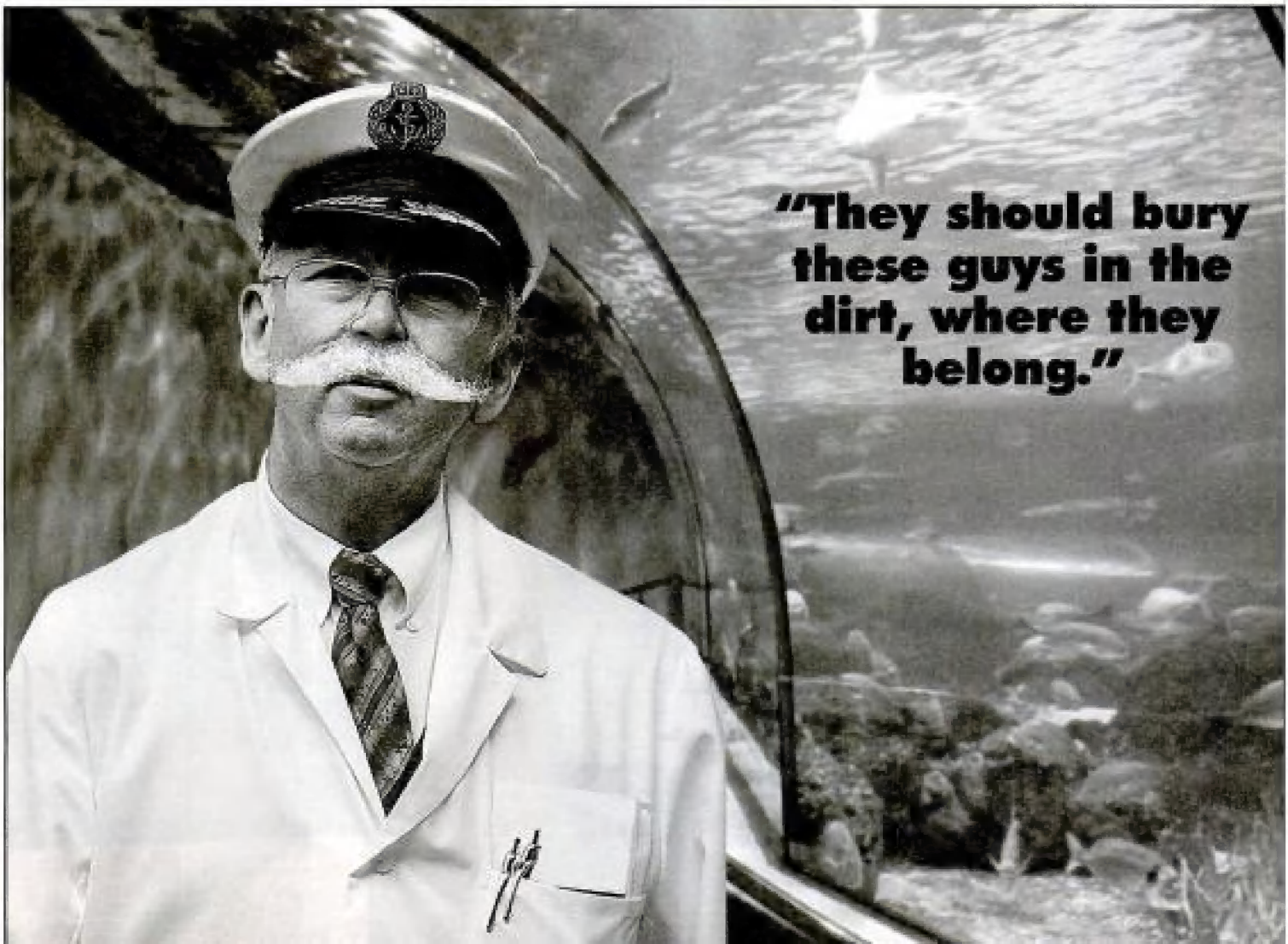
A threatened lawsuit against this so-called 'Code of H_2Omerta' was met with sneers by a mob attorney.

"I believe you will find that any theoretical dumping is environmentally sound," said John Wiggy. "All refuse is encased in cement blocks that exceed EPA standards."

The frustrated fish expert is also saddened that sharks are treated with disrespect.

"Yes, they're predators, but they consume dead flesh as well as live," he said. "It would be more accurate to call hucksters who lend money at exorbitant interest rates 'loan lions.'"

— Denny Spurling



Man Bakes in the African Sun:
HE WANTS TO BE HOTTEST MAN ON EARTH

ZUMBI, Kenya — "I have never done anything important, so this is my chance!"

So said Leo Lyon, an expatriate Englishman who, having failed as a plant safari guide, impala rancher and melon farmer, has determined to make a name for himself by setting a world's record for highest body temperature.

"I sit in the veldt from noon to three, the hottest time of day, drinking tea," said the leathery forty-year-old. "I am slowly raising my average body temperature by degrees. After two weeks it is already 106.6 — up eight degrees."

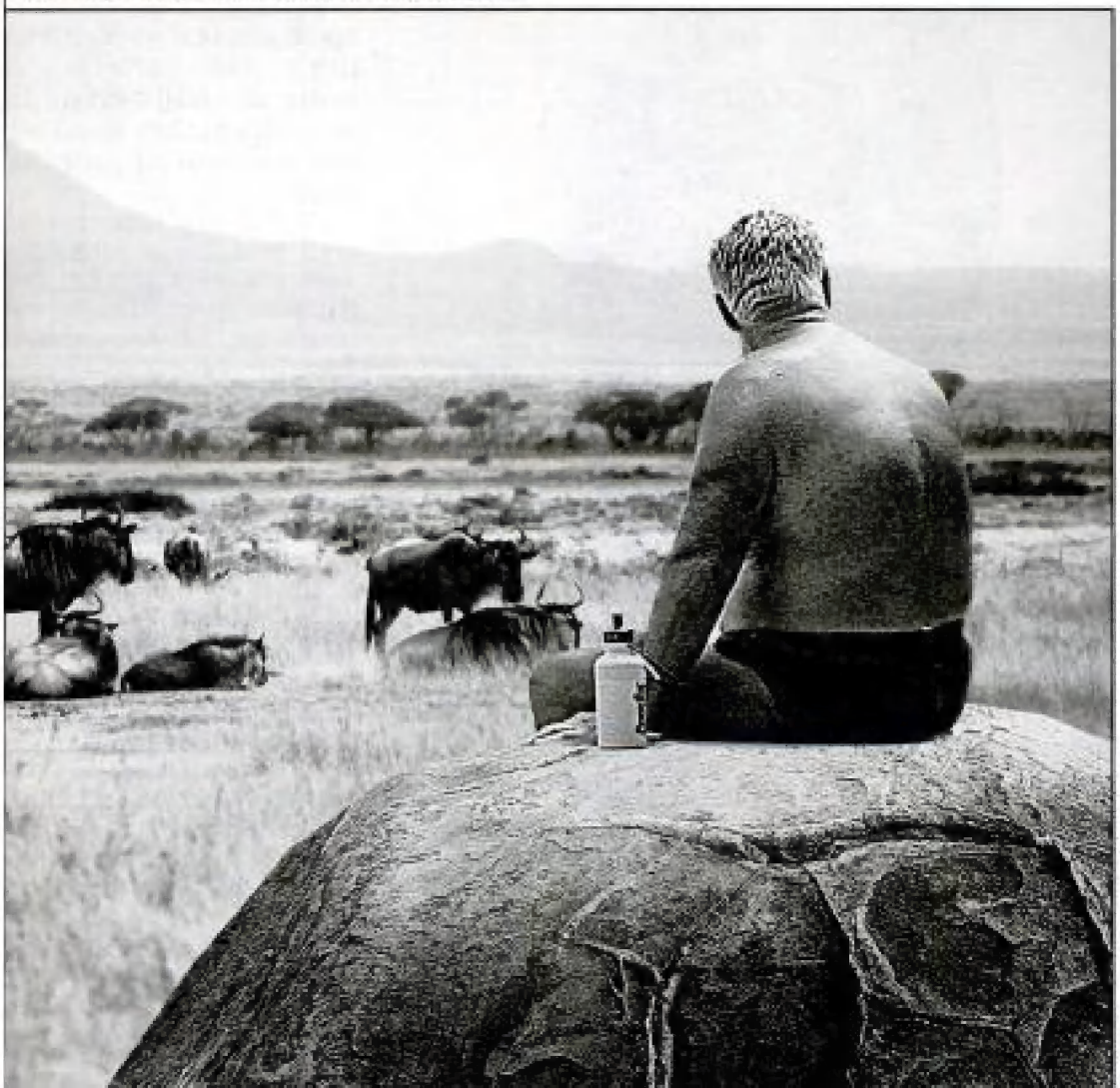
His goal, he told *Weekly World News*, is a record 112.

"I don't recommend this to others," said his personal physician, Dr. Albert Shvitzer. "There is a good chance his head will pop before he reaches his goal."

"It's worth the risk," said the perspiring Lyon through a cloud of circling flies. "When I am done, I will be quite the celebrity. I can join the circus as a human thermometer.

"It may not seem like much of a goal, but my mum will be proud," he added. "She always wanted me to earn a degree or two."

— Jim Grand



Gas Masks Keep Workers Depression-Free

LOS TANGELOS, Calif. – New custodial hire Hanna Frazer breezed through her orientation at Chemco Corporation, pleasantly surprised to learn of the many perks the firm provided: free spa membership, tuition credits – and a gas mask.

"Gas mask? I asked if there was a smog alert," Frazer told *Weekly World News*, "and they said no, it's something much worse."

She was informed that Chemco HR just cited five departments for Disgruntled Employee Contamination.

"Ms. Frazer happened to join the firm after a merging of several departments and layoffs among beloved – but underproducing – department heads," HR spokesperson Claire Eddy revealed.

According to Chemco behavioralists, DEC occurs when airborne negativity levels exceed seventy parts per million.

"It's depression-inducing molecular inductance caused by frowns, disapproval and general unhappiness," explained Dr. Joseph Downer. "If you're exposed to DECs, you get a little charge of depression. Human beings are like storage batteries: over the course of a work day, it adds up."

Until the mood returns to normal, Frazer has to wear the mask.

"The only problem is when I forget to take it off after work," she said. "Caused quite a panic in the bus."

– SARA MCCULLOUGH

KAIJU: THE F-MAIN!

By DICK SIEGEL

MORGAN, Md. — Despite naturalist Tak Fujita's best efforts to bring the *kaiju* crisis to an end, another monster has arisen to menace the world!

"I had recently discovered that these monsters were the work of Dr. Tse Hu, who specializes in the treatment of fear-related disorders," Fujita told *Weekly World News* ("The Shape of Fear," *Weekly World News*, May 7, 2007).

"Using a method called 'trance deportation' Dr. Hu has his patients translate their fears into something recognizable — like a demon or a dragon — so they can defeat it in their minds. Unfortunately, the power of Dr. Hu's process is such that these fears have been turned into *real* monsters... the very same *kaiju* that have been attacking our world!"

When confronted with this information, Dr. Hu still refused to shut his program down. In fact, the situation got worse.

"At 5:15 p.m., Dr. Hu was treating his last patient of the day when surveillance cameras detect

origin moving in the parking lot," Fujita said. "The security guard attributed it to the wind.

"At 5:18, cameras inside the facility recorded a gelatinous mass squeezing under a door of the clinic. Slithering along the floor, the pool of slime made its way into a stairwell, inching upward step by tenuous step.

"At 5:22 the blob began to shimmer, glowing translucently as it morphed into the distorted physique of a man-like creature. This was the *kaiju* the world would soon call The F-Man!

"At 5:27, guard Russell Kenney was making his rounds on the third floor. He suddenly saw the creature slobbering toward him. He later said, 'It was like living Jell-o but with arms and legs and a mushy face!' Before the guard could pull his gun, the oozing blob-man enveloped him. Unable to breathe, Kenney collapsed unconscious on the clinic floor.

"At 5:29, the F-Man shambled unmolested down the hall. It paused before each room and peered in. It seemed to be looking for something.

"At 5:32, the wiggly creature stopped in front of Dr. Hu's lab. It oozed under the door to the lab. Moments from within.

"From 5:45 to 5:59, a raging inferno swept through the lab, destroying the Trance Deportation Chamber. The blaze was extinguished by the local fire department, though not before the room had been gutted."

By 7:02 the evacuated patients were allowed to return, though authorities were unable to find any trace of Dr. Hu or the creature.

"It is believed both perished in the fire," said Russell Kenney.

"Not so," Tak Fujita revealed with the trace of a slight smile. "The creature, like all *kaiju*, returned to the nether world from which it sprang — the mind of one of Dr. Hu's patients — a patient who had a fear of gelatinous fungus. A patient who *knowingly* created and controlled the F-Man monster in order to destroy the madness from within."

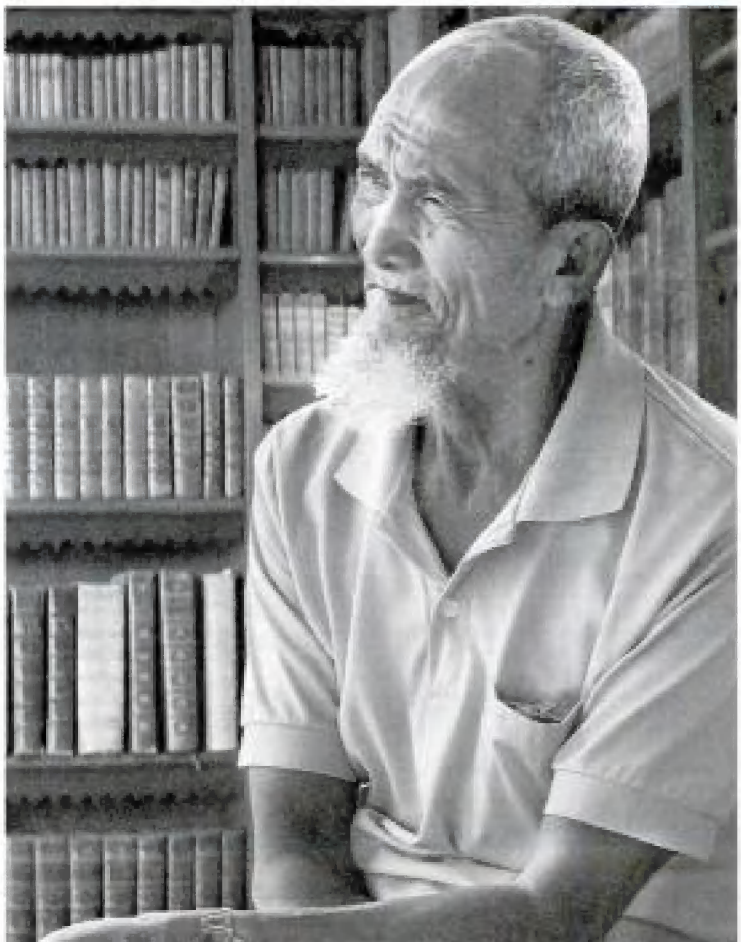
That patient was Tak Fujita himself.

"I knew that Dr. Hu would never listen to reason and that the legal system would be too slow and unbelieving to stop him," Fujita said. "While the authorities argued, more and more *kaiju* would have arisen to attack the world. I had to act!

"As for Dr. Hu, he may have escaped for now," Fujihim. In the meantime, we should prepare a viable defense for the inevitability of future *kaiju*. Dr. Hu will not give up his research, of that I am certain.

"And who knows what as yet unrevealed creatures may have been released by his Trance Deportation Chamber? Even now, the invisible *kaiju* may be lurking, hiding, waiting to leap from someone's mind into the real world."

Only time — and *Weekly World News* — will tell.



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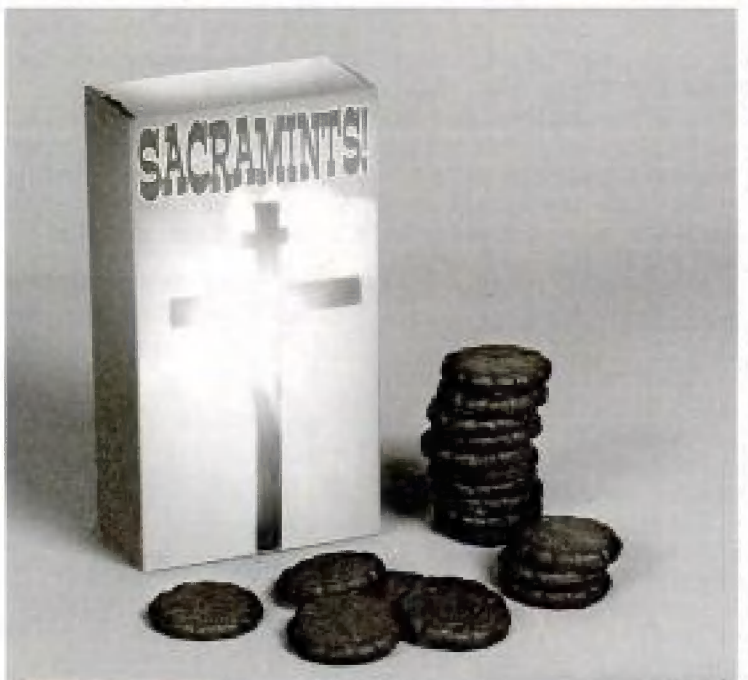
AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has consented to share his remarkable predictions in a weekly column!



2008
BOSTON, Mass.
After a sufficient number of parishioners remark about the blandness of holy wafers, priests consult religious texts and agree they can offer more refreshing wafers from when the body of Christ was newly baptized. Churchgoers are much happier about ingesting these fresh-tasting 'sacramints.'

2009
MANHATTAN, N.Y.
To make itself as hierarchical as other political movements, gay activists decide to create additional titles. These include drag princes, drag dukes, and even drag jesters.

2010
DETROIT, Mich.
To discourage criminal activity, the police force hires civilians to wear cop uniforms throughout the day, creating the impression that there are more officers on the streets. To make sure there is no abuse of power, the force

2011
WASHINGTON D.C.
The federal government gains an advantage when it employs psychics as spies and assassins. Enemy countries are completely unprepared for this kind of ESPionage.

2012
LOS ANGELES, Calif.
Reporters discover that movie studios are forcing writers and directors to take 'over the counter-intelligence' drugs to subdue original thinking.

2012
LOS ANGELES, Calif.
Exposure of the Hollywood drug culture forces studios to discontinue the practice. Miraculously, movies and TV shows remain unoriginal.

2013
CHICAGO, Ill.
Because of the excessive amount of typing office employees endure due to computers and texting, many experience a terrible condition in which their knuckle tendons become loose. Hospitals are flooded with workers suffering from 'hang fingers.'

2014
WASHINGTON D.C.
Scientists discover that the food

of human beings. This realization leads to the conclusion that it was designed by aliens, for aliens.

2015
WASHINGTON D.C.
Once scientists discover that human nutritional needs are more complex than previously thought, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration replaces the food pyramid with the more sophisticated 'food pentagon.'

2016
SAN DIEGO, Calif.
Scientists finally succeed in creating genetic duplicates of human beings, but are concerned when the doubles all develop allergies due to an inherent flaw in the process.

2016
SAN DIEGO, Calif.
Scientists design a special medicine-laced tissue for their exclusive use called a 'clone-ex.'

2017
WASHINGTON, D.C.
To increase the effectiveness and rapid deployment capabilities of the military, the Department of Defense hires its newest commandoes from the circus. Hundreds of human cannonballs are trained as soldiers to be fired into enemy camps.

2019
LONDON, England
A new coffee chain called Coffeea Robusta creates such a successful product line that it dominates the coffee shop trade on both the East and West Coasts. This is the first example of a business 'stereopoly.'

2018
SAN DIEGO, Calif.
Fitness experts create a new method of body building which produces muscles so tight that the tension actually generates a high-pitched whine. Serious gym-goers work hard to achieve this muscle 'tone.'

2020
TOPEKA, Kan.
Satellite studies of tornadoes reveal that the center contains winds so fast and powerful that they actually create tears in the space/time continuum, forming micro-wormholes in the funnels. The story of *The Wizard of Oz* suddenly becomes more credible.

2021
HOUSTON, Texas
Physicists discover a flaw in Einstein's principle of General Relativity and scale it down to make it more harmonious with quantum mechanics. The principle is henceforth referred to as Captain Relativity.

2022
MEXICO CITY, Mexico
Botanists create a new type of tree in Mexico that's naturally infused with tangy flavors. Using the trees as kindling in barbecues gives food a spicier flavor. Mexico becomes a successful exporter of this 'salsa wood.'

2022
MEXICO CITY, Mexico
Salsa wood sales suffer a fall-off when a brand extension – fireplace logs to spice up cold nights – causes widespread blindness in birds, owls, and other chimney dwellers.

2023
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.
Sociologists discover that many people hate family gatherings because of the intense emotional heat created by so many members in a small area. The phenomenon becomes known as 'relative humidity.'

WWN NEWSBURST

EDIBLE GOURMET COMIC BOOKS!
Determined to improve the reading and eating habits of kids, this French chef created a new form of comic books: publications that can be read and then consumed! Coming soon in *Weekly World News*.

2024
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
The adult film industry begins shooting new kinds of videos to accommodate the offspring of several generations of vegans. Most people are turned-off by the roughage-heavy 'cornography.'

DEMONIC POSSESSION BACKFIRES!

Little Girl Invades Demon!

BY JOHN CALIBOS

GEORGETOWN, Pa. — When famed exorcist, Father Henry Flapps, received an urgent call to rescue the victim of demonic possession, he was completely unprepared for what happened.

"I arrived at the location at three a.m. and discovered that the request had come from a group of Satanists," said Flapps. "They were gathered in a small, black barn that had been transformed into a demonic church on the fringe of a dark woodland. Despite my reservations, I followed them to a hayloft that was decorated like a young girl's bedroom. There, I witnessed the most astonishing sight I could have imagined: a horned demon sitting on the floor, legs crossed, combing a doll's hair."

The embarrassed Satanists explained that earlier that evening the novice demon, Revadac, had attempted to possess a little girl who lived in town.

"We didn't realize that Revadac was dyspossessive — the demon equivalent of dyslexic," Satanic leader Derrick Nethers told the priest. "Because of this, he accidentally brought the girl's spirit into his own body. To save the demon — and, uh, *of course* to help the girl — we didn't know who else to turn to other than the church. Yours, I mean."

Flapps ignored his own revulsion and focused on the fact that he was freeing the girl's soul from a loathsome minion of Hell.

"I knew that conventional exorcism rites wouldn't work, so I had to improvise," said Flapps. "I first told the girl, whose name was Ashly, that her mother and father wanted very badly to see her again."

Unfortunately the Ashly-possessed demon was too preoccupied primping her doll to be moved by Flapps' appeal to her sense of family.

"I realized I had to arouse her more fundamental desires," said Flapp. "As much as it repelled me, I repeatedly made promises of vast amounts of ice cream and candy to coax her from the demon's body. I reasoned that, after all, this is sort of what we do when it comes to talking up the afterlife."

After three exhausting hours, Flapp managed to draw Ashly from Revadac and sent her back to her own body, which was still asleep.

"I was overjoyed to have saved Ashly's soul," said Flapps. "I also took some pride hearing that Revadac lost quite a few demon friends during an evening of hopscotch and tea parties."

HELLISH PHONE CALL

The first telephone was installed in St. Mary Mincent Hospital in Uppsala, Sweden, but was promptly removed because doctors thought the devil was using it to communicate with them.

Historians know now that the devilish communications were nothing but a bad connection due to primitive technology, but at the time, the Catholic institution was incensed.

"I picked up the line and heard this jarring static, followed by a hiss and a murmur," Dr. Fluvin Schnagen, who was head surgeon at the time, told *Christ's Mercy* magazine. "The telephone was clearly possessed, so I promptly unhanded the menacing ear piece and threw it clear across the room."

Several other nurses listened in on the line and also agreed the only explanation for the spooky sounds were demons from the underworld.

"Satan is not allowed here, as I will not have his presence undermine this deeply religious hospital in any way," Schnagen said to his staff. "Tell the devil to take his phone and go back to Hell."

– DORIAN WAGNER

LITTLE HOT DOG LOST . . . AND FOUND

The amazing story of how one man was reunited, after more than forty years, with his lost dog ... *hot dog*, that is! "Miraculously, the juices of the mustard and sauerkraut had combined to petrify the bee! and bun." Coming soon in

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Veteran Mountaineers Complain —
GLOBAL WARMING MAKES EVEREST AN EASIER CLIMB!

BY JIM GRAND

YETTIVILLE, Nepal — Seventy-year-old climber Sir Rodmund Swank has a beef with the current crop of mountaineers.

"Thanks to global warming, the treacherous snows are melting from peaks like Mt. Everest and K2," the English adventurer complained. "Instead of having to pick their way over fragile ice bridges, climbers can walk easily up the once-slippery slopes. They don't even need the multi-layered jackets we required in the late 1950s. It's no longer minus-ten degrees at the top but a balmy ten above!

"They're setting ascent speed records like crazy!" he added. "But it's like all the statistics being broken by American baseball players while on steroids. Those new numbers shouldn't count!"

However, thirty-year-old Australian climber Lance Ferguson disagrees.

"It's actually a *more* difficult climb than before," he said. "We face flash floods and avalanches of melting ice. Also, you can see Abominable Snowman footprints in the snow but not on bare rock. That's a danger, too!"

The local Sherpa guides and bearers who have made the climbs both ways say it's a draw.

"But we are not the best ones to ask," said one. "We're still trying to figure out how our Mt. Chomolungma was renamed after a Welsh surveyor."

MAN SUCKED OUT PLANE WINDOW

He Didn't Mean to Inhale So Hard!

THELMA, La. — "I was in the aisle seat and this big man — and I mean super-big, like three hundred pounds big — was asleep in the seat next to me," said Mala Strong, a passenger on the 737. "Suddenly, I heard a crash and my newspaper got ripped from my hands. I looked up and couldn't believe my eyes!

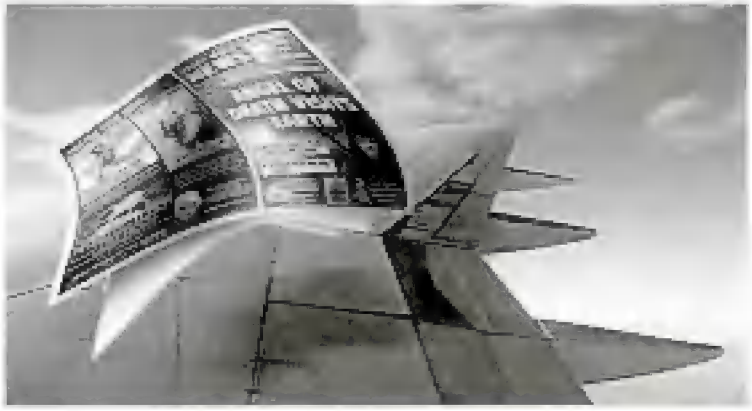
"The man was snoring so hard he literally sucked the window from its frame!"

The Griffith Air flight was en route from Dallas to New Orleans when twenty-nine-year-old passenger, Pete Robinson, inhaled so deeply that the rubber around the pane was literally pulled off, causing the glass to drop to the floor and shatter.

"Fortunately, the sudden decompression pulled my cheek into the opening," Robinson said. "The loose skin plugged the hole and kept anything else from going out.

"Apart from Ms. Strong's copy of *Weekly World News*, nothing was lost," he added, "except for all sensation on the left side of my face. But, hey, it could've been a whole lot worse! At least I didn't snarf the wing!"

— Lila Dubinsky



Sweet Revenge ANTEATER-EATER

Scientists discovered the remains of a previously unknown creature — an anteater-eater. This oversized animal had an uncanny resemblance to the average black ant, yet was believed to have weighed nearly a ton. Initial thoughts were that it ate anteaters.

"Without performing any in-depth analysis, we noticed a bulge in its belly," said excavation coordinator Sanford Biggins. "The shape of the bulge was characteristic of the shape of an anteater — a plump middle with an elongated snout."

Biggins said his team came to that conclusion because previous digs in the same Southeast Asian region turned up piles of anteater remains. "We assumed the feast the beast had eaten was indeed an anteater, so we called him an "anteatereater."

No other discoveries of anteatereaters have ever been made. The remains Biggins dug up were preserved for years in a federal storage facility, but were misplaced, lost or stolen sometime after the Reagan administration.

— DORIAN WAGNER

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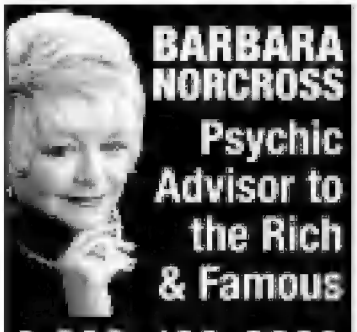

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WHEN GLADIATORS BECAME 'SADIATORS'!

BY JOHN CALIBOS

ROME, Italy — While excavating the site of what was once an ancient amphitheater, archaeologist Michael Marino found a small chest containing the personal records of Rome's most successful gladiatorial organizer, Drusus Pallo.

"He worked on behalf of Emperor Nero from fifty-five to sixty-five A.D.," said Marino. "Under his management, the Romans witnessed the most brutal and exciting combats in their long history."

However, Pallo's log also depicts an incredible event that's not in the history books — the most outrageous challenge to Rome's authority since Spartacus' slave revolt in seventy-three B.C.

"According to Pallo, in sixty A.D., a group of gladiators were unhappy with the slaughter and refused to fight," said Marino. "Typically, of course, they were 'glad' to kill in order to earn their freedom. However, Roman authorities were at a loss when five hundred gladiators simultaneously declined to kill each other. Executing them all was out of the question, since that was Pallo's entire stock — plus, there was no one strong enough to pull off the execution. In addition, it wouldn't have gone over well with the spectators. These men were like sports heroes to the masses.

"However, their refusal was a direct affront to Nero, and that was unacceptable to the emperor."

Given Nero's reputation for cruelty, it's not surprising that his first impulse was to feed these pacifistic gladiators to the lions. However, Pallo succeeded in convincing the emperor to take less drastic measures.

"Despite the Romans' love of the games, they respected the gladiators for refusing to kill their own," Marino went on. "Considering that Rome still had plenty of external enemies to fight, Nero secretly made a deal to release the gladiators into military service and to use soldiers in the arena."

Although the games continued for centuries after, the event left a strong impression on Rome.

"For years after, people told stories of these melancholy warriors — these so-called 'sadiators' — who disobeyed Nero," said Marino. "Ironically, the people who sympathized with them were called 'sadists' — just one of history's little ironies."

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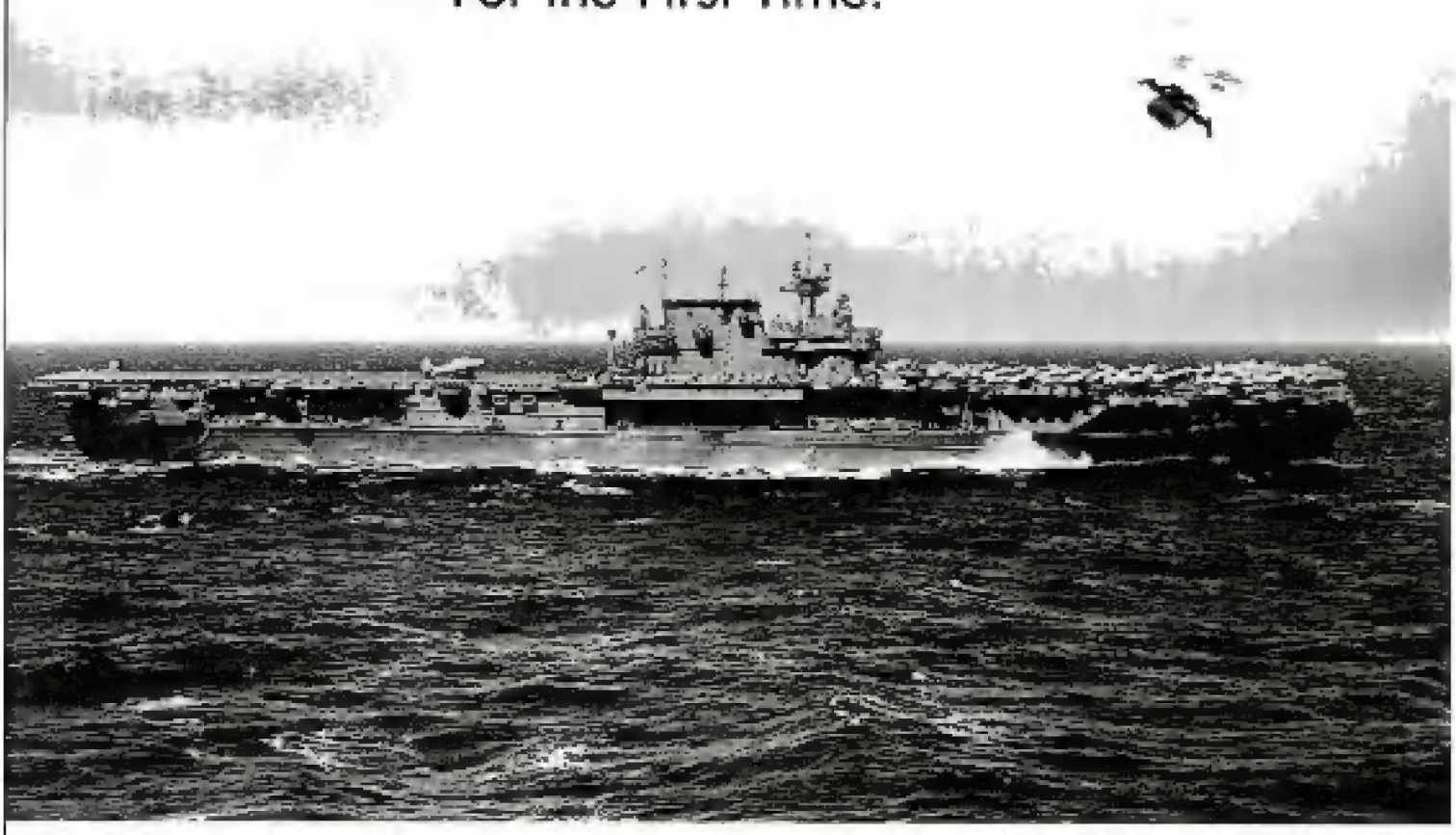
UFO SIGHTING: 1943:

USS *Enterprise* Faces the Final Frontier — For the First Time!



By D. PATRICK

In late January 1943, the USS *Enterprise* was assigned to the Coral Sea where it lent support during the final push to clear Guadalcanal island of Japanese troops. For weeks, it fired its guns to provide cover for the ground troops and then tried to fend off Japanese attacks on its sister ship, the USS *Chicago*.

The *Enterprise* engaged in the Battle of Rennell Island the following morning where it successfully shot down eleven of twelve enemy aircraft. The next several weeks continued to strain the crew as it remained in active operation. By April, the tide had turned so the proud ship could return home for overhauling. On May 1, the *Enterprise* left Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides for the journey to Bremerton Navy Yard in the state of Washington.

The crew was worn out. They were dreaming of being on land, being back with family and friends, and away from the sound of shelling.

Petty Officer Eugene Justman was the first to spy something high in the sky on the third day of sailing. He notified the bridge and spotters rushed to the decks. Officer of the Watch, Herbert Coon, recorded that the objects were boxy in shape, with wings and no visible propeller system. The engines' sound was high-pitched and unlike any Army

Captain R.H. White hesitated to send up aircraft after the unknown vehicles and noted in his after-action report to the Secretary of War, George C. Marshall, "Without knowing precisely what we were facing, I was loathe to send my men into the unknown." Attempts to establish radio contact by then had also failed, the craft either not receiving or refusing to respond to signals.

All hands were on deck and watching the vehicles parallel the *Enterprise* for the next eight hours. They seemed to remain some two hundred yards from the naval vessel and provided opportunity for study. Drawings were created, approximate measurements taken, and while some on the

ing at the craft, White refused. They may have been close, he told them, but not once did any ship make a threatening move.

Planes from other ships in the Pacific flew for closer looks, one taking the picture printed here. In the end, the department heads decided to finally send a plane up for a closer look, they emerged to learn that all three craft had turned ninety degrees and sped off, vanishing over the horizon.

Oddly, researchers at the Naval Archives today can only find a note in the medical log for that day, May 3, indicating the crew seemed so exhausted from the fighting they had a case of mass hysteria that lasted some eight

Hi, Dolly

Too Young To Date

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Hi, Dolly: I'm thirteen and there's this boy that reeaallyyy likes me. I like him, too, but he's a year younger than me. He's sooooooooo cute and I want to ask him to the movies or the skating rink. But my problem is that my parents — all four of them — don't think I'm old enough and want to go with me. I was going to make it a double anyway with my cousin and boyfriend. I just wish my parents wouldn't treat me like I'm four and like this is a play date. My questions are: should I go out with this boy and how do I get my parents to treat me like a teen? Please respond quick! - Fafa in Illinois

Dear Fafa: Well, you're just barely a teen, hon, so maybe it's best to slow down a mite. You can see this boy and be friends with him without goin' on a date. I first laid eyes on my first husband when I was twelve and he was fourteen. We just had lunch every day and talked. I'm pretty sure if we'd wanted to date, like the movies or somethin', my parents would have said no. But if a date is really what you want, why not let your folks go with you a couple of times? If they meet this boy and like him, and see that you're both responsible about how you behave, they'll quit worryin' and give you more freedom.

Watery Cell Phone

Hi, Dolly: I was stumbling around in the bathroom this morning and my cell phone dropped in the toilet! My dad will be so mad. He just got this for me. Will the phone still work? — Ernie in Rome

Dear Ernie: Hon, I'm the wrong gal to ask. I don't have a cell phone because I don't like to listen to other folks gabbin' at the mall or in a restaurant, and I reckon they wouldn't care to listen to me either. However, I've been told that if you let your phone dry out completely and then put a new battery in it, it should be good as new. (Assumin' the toilet was flushed!)

Too Casual

Hi, Dolly: I'm a guy who works in an office with a casual summer dress code. The woman who sits at the next desk has decided to go very casual. Her boobies are half-hanging out of her V-necks and her skirts are mid-thigh length. I won't tell you what I see when she uncrosses her legs. It's not that I mind, but I do find it distracting. My boss works in another building and doesn't stop by very often. What should I do? — Bobby in Elm Grove

Dear Bobby: Though many companies have carefully outlined dress codes, you don't want to go creatin' tension with your office-mate by reportin' her. If it's too much for you, move your chair so you don't have to look. Cold weather ain't far off.

Can't Stop Sweating

Hi, Dolly: Thanks for years of entertainment. I wrote to you once before about a problem I have: I can't stop sweating. I have talked to my doctors and nobody knows or cares. They think I'm going through menopause. No way. Help! - J.W. in Griffton

Dear J.W.: I reckon this ain't a very entertainin' situation to you — and there could be lots of reasons besides menopause, includin' stress, too much caffeine or alcohol, an overactive thyroid, excess weight and some others. Find a doctor who will listen and make some tests. Everyone's built different and it's right for you to be extra-careful.

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People Are STRANGE!

By LILA DUBINSKY

Weekly World News has scoured the world to uncover the most outrageous things that people are doing, have attempted to do, or actually did.

PORTLAND, Maine

After her beloved poodle died, sixty-year-old Doris Crosby focused her urge to primp on something less adorable and began grooming vegetables such as broccoli and cauliflower. She did such a superb job that people all over the city have been buying these 'foodles.'

JACKSON, Miss.

Fisherman Gus Dawson invented an effective method of catching fish after staring at his toenails, which he had allowed to grow several inches long. He attached worms to them, then dangled his toes in the water. He was pleased that he could sense even the slightest nibble, and happy to be saving time and money on broken fishing lines and pole maintenance. In addition, since he was using both feet, he caught ten times as many fish with his toenails as he did with standard equipment. "I guess it gives new meaning to toe-ing the line!" he laughed.

HELLA, Iceland

Thirty-year-old criminal Einar Olafsson pulled off the most daring heist when he entered the Federated Republic of Iceland Bank and threatened the tellers with a satchel of snowballs. "They were packed with dirt and pebbles," said manager Haukur Helgason, "and our tellers don't have protective glass like banks in other countries because we don't have guns. We just weren't prepared for this." Olafsson left with one million krónur. He disposed of his weapons on the sidewalk in the

DANBURY, Conn.

Forty-year-old Kelly Reynolds was in a panic when she woke up one summer morning with cotton in her mouth. "At first I thought I was really thirsty, but then I felt something fluffy growing out of my teeth," said Reynolds. "I looked in the mirror and saw that I really did have cotton mouth, and that it had sprouted from seeds lodged between my gums." Reynolds realized that they had gotten stuck there last week during her dental checkup. "Dr. Ordell uses real cotton, not those fabricated wads," said Reynolds. "He apologized and tore up my bill. Still, I'm hoping that all the fillings he's put in over the years will one day develop into a silver mine."

SAN DIEGO, Calif.

Movie stuntman Steven Drake has been seeing a therapist for the past three years to deal with a very unusual fear. "He's the bravest man I've ever met," said therapist Richard Stein. "Yet he's terribly phobic of the fact that he has no fear. I'm calling it 'phobaphobia' – fear of not being afraid. The funny thing is," Stein added, "I guess if you have it, you don't really have it."

LONDON, England

Three years ago, Detroit resident David Gibson and Londoner Kathy Robbins met in an online chat room and really hit it off. Since they were both barely making ends meet, they couldn't afford to visit one another and actually started dating online. After six months, Robbins convinced a priest to marry them in an online ceremony. They're still trying to raise the money to purchase a plane ticket to finally meet each other – which will also be their honeymoon.

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The World's Fascinating TRIV

By Terese Loeb Kreuzer

Every week the reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* unearth astonishing trivia while researching the terrific stories you read in our paper. Here's a sample of some of our recent discoveries:

• Although he was arrested at least one hundred and twenty times, Martin Luther King Jr., at age thirty-five, was also the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

• In 1927, Filipino busboy, Pedro Flores, became the first person to manufacture and sell yo-yos.

• The first monument to an insect was dedicated on Dec. 11, 1919 in Enterprise, Alabama. The statue was of a boll weevil.

• A.C. Gilbert, creator of the Erector Set toy, also represented the United States in the pole vault in the 1908 Olympics.

• Not only did vaudeville superstar Al Jolson star in the first 'talking picture,' his recording of "Sonny Boy" (1928) was also the first million-selling record.

• Iraq was the first country to use adhesive postage stamps.

• Before being changed to *The*

Most

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Maltese Falcon, the original
ptitle for the 1941 Bogart film
was *The Gent from Frisco*.

° On Jan. 10, 1911, Major A.H.
Erickson took the first photo
from an airplane while flying
over San Diego.

° It is illegal for Academy
Award winners (or their fami-
lies) to sell the Oscar. If they're
so inclined, the Academy will
buy the gold-plated statue for
$1.

° The word 'marionette' is de-
rived from *mariole*, a French
word for the Virgin Mary.

° According to comic book
lore, Superman was born on
Feb. 29, a leap year.

° The potato chip was created
in 1853 by George Crum.

° In 1925, Charlie Chaplin be-
came the first actor to appear
on the cover of *Time* maga-
zine. He was thirty-six.

° In 1950, the New York
Knickerbockers drafted
Nathaniel "Sweetwater"
Clifton, making him the first
African-American to play in
the NBA.

° Known to most as the Statue
of Liberty, her official name
is 'The Statue of Liberty
Enlightening the World.'

° Thomas Brown was not only
the Governor of Florida. In
1810 he invented the mailbox.

° While John Travolta may get
all the credit, it was his stand-
in, Jeff Zinn, whose legs are
first seen strutting along at
the start of *Saturday Night
Fever*.

° The Dutch artist Vincent van
Gogh sliced off part of his ear
with a razor only after having
tried, and failed, to cut his
friend, the painter Gauguin.

° Although he was the eighth
man to be elected president of
the United States, Martin Van
Buren was the first president
born in the United States of
America.

° The shortest name in the
Bible is Uz, homeland of Job
and his ten children.

° On Jan. 31, 1940, Ida May
Fuller deposited twenty-two
dollars into a Social Security
fund, making her the first
person to ever receive Social
Security benefits. Thirty-
five years later she collected
twenty thousand dollars.

° While superspy James Bond
may be the most famous
member of the Bond family,
his brother, Henry, is older.

° Harvey Kennedy earned two-
and-a-half million dollars in
1790 for his modest invention:
the shoelace. At over forty-
five billion dollars by today's
standards, that would make
him richer than Bill Gates.

° The longest word in the
English language is Pneumo
noultramicroscopicsilicovolca-
noconiosis.

° The longest word in Spanish
is *electroencefalografistas*.

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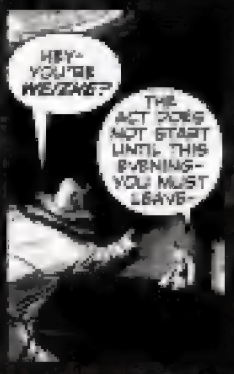

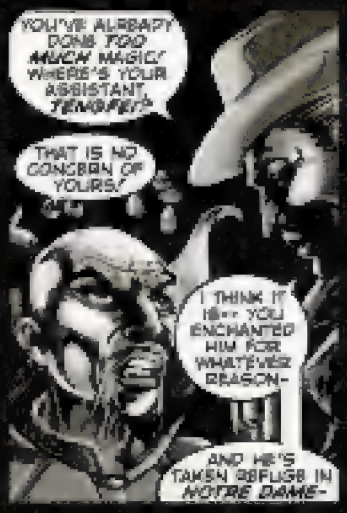

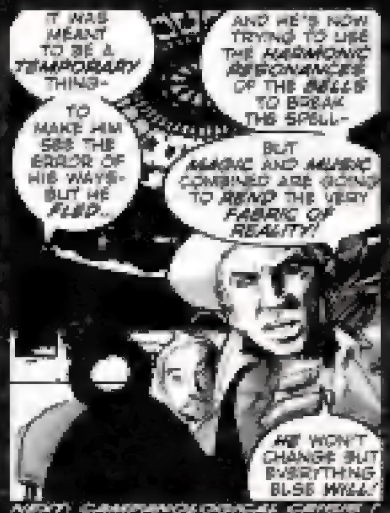

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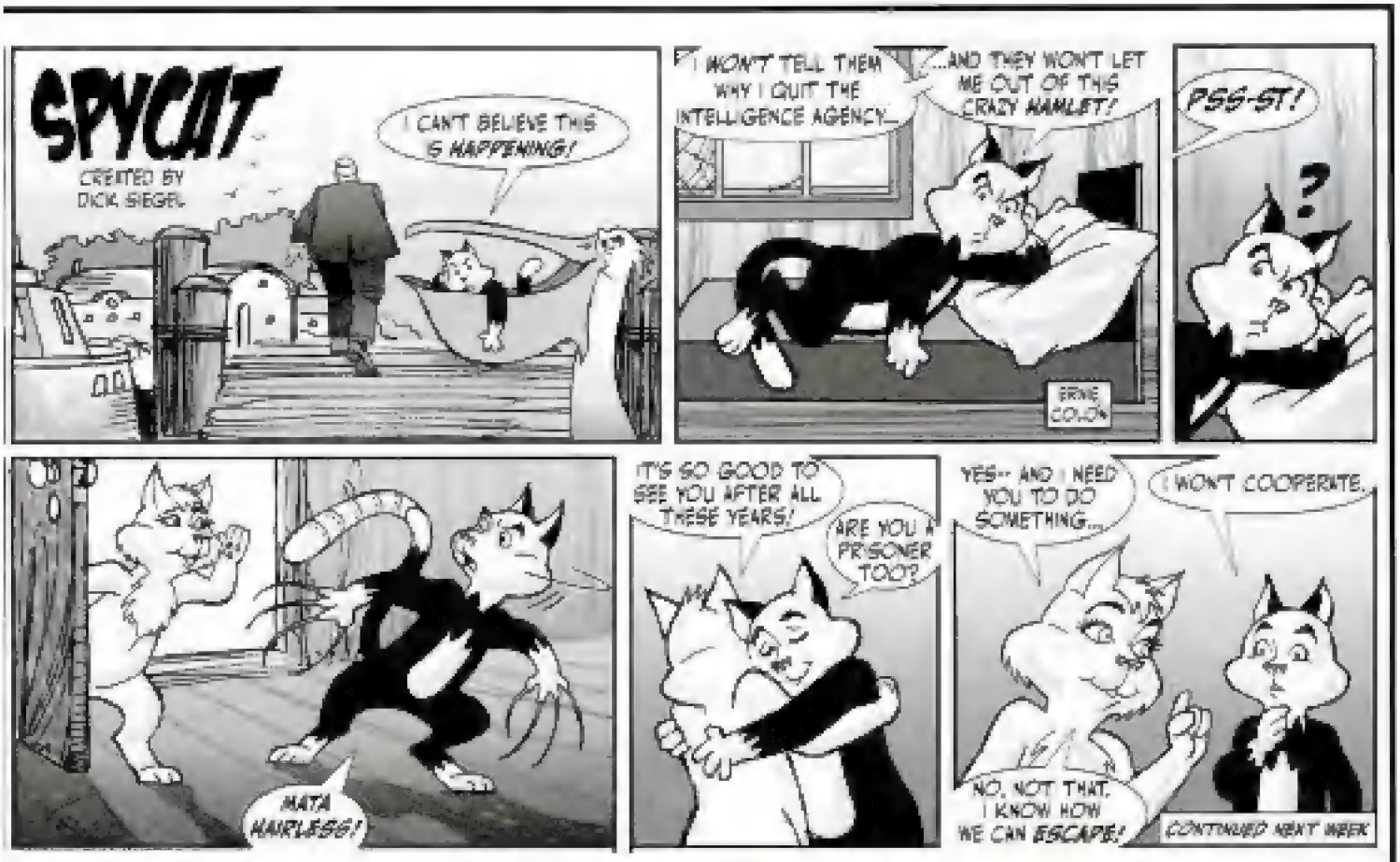
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I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!
I WON'T TELL THEM WHY I QUIT THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY...
...AND THEY WON'T LET ME OUT OF THIS CRAZY HAMLET!
ERNIE COLON
PSS-ST!
?
MATA HAIRLESS!
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
ARE YOU A PRISONER TOO?
YES-- AND I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING...
I WON'T COOPERATE.
NO, NOT THAT. I KNOW HOW WE CAN ESCAPE!
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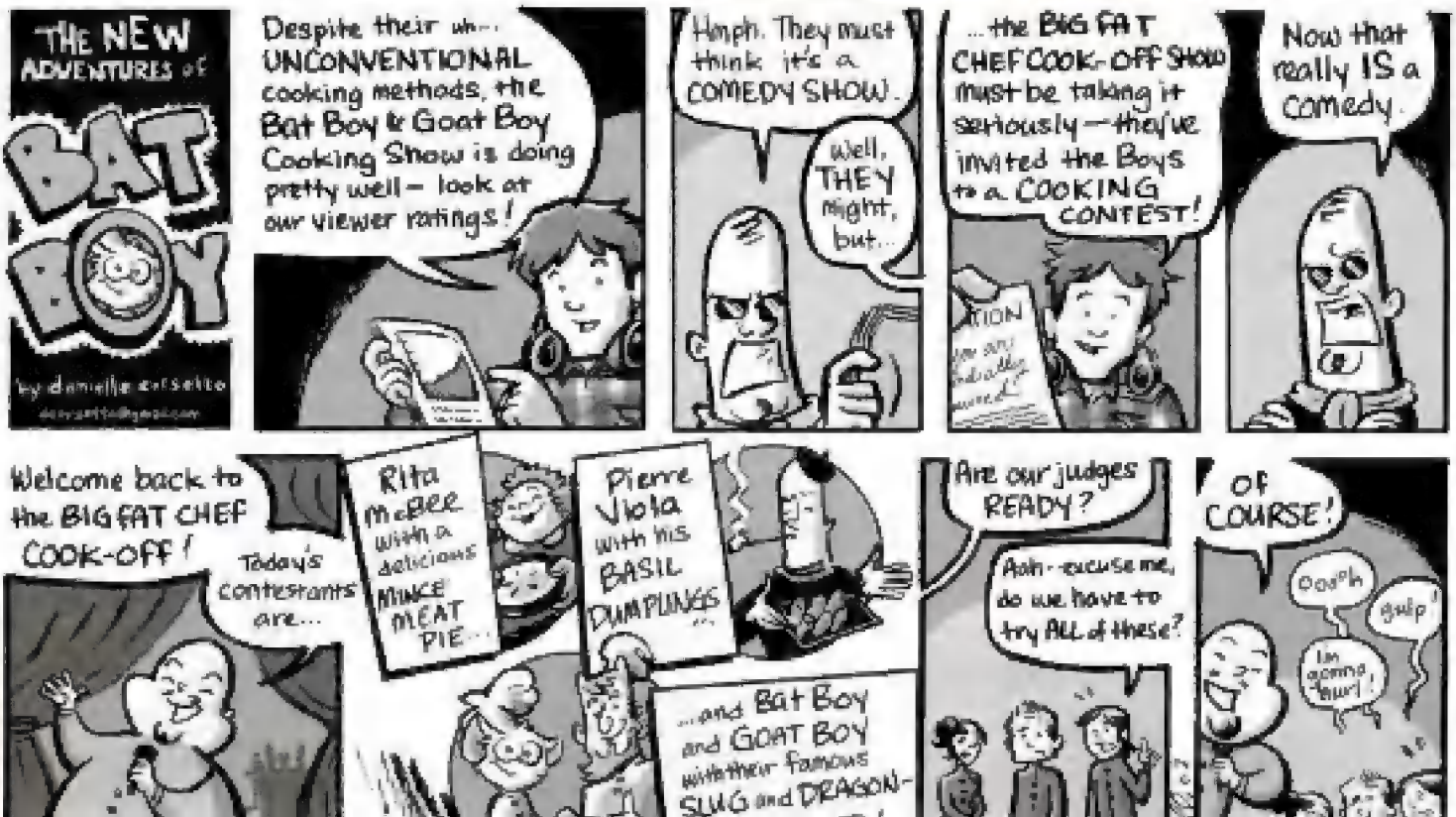
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by danielle corsetto
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Are our judges READY?
Ash - excuse me, do we have to try ALL of these?
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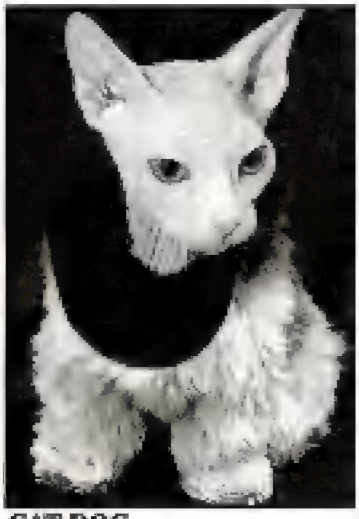
THE WORLD'S UGLIEST PETS!

Over the years, *Weekly World News* has learned that 'cute and cuddly' are not always prerequisites for people to love their pets. In fact, in our travels, we have come across a collection of pets who are *so* ugly that not even their mothers could love them. Fortunately, their faithful owners can!

By EMMA BRAYER

PUG UGLY

"Dante was the runt of the litter," said jewelry store owner Herman Finegold, "but one look at that kisser and I knew he was the guard dog for me." Finegold's Brooklyn, New York store, *Finegold's Fine Gold and Jewels*, had been robbed an astonishing forty-eight times in four years. Since taking Dante in three years ago, he hasn't lost a brass ring to thievery. "The crooks still break in, but once they get a load of that face they go screaming into the night." For his third anniversary, Dante was given a collar with diamond studs. "It's something to look at other than that mug," Finegold remarked with a shrug.

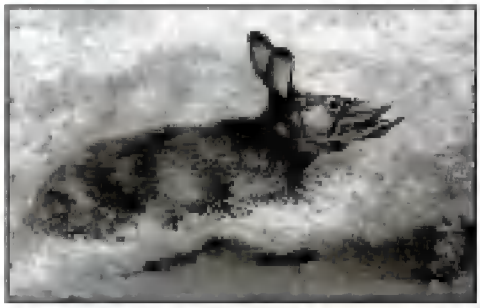


CAT DOG

"You know the commercial for the candy bar, the one where one guy's chocolate is accidentally mixed with someone else's peanut butter?" asked laboratory technician of what happened here." Barkley had been employed at Pe-Tech, a genetics company specializing in cloning the beloved pets of wealthy clients. Unfortunately, a mislabeled vial lead to his mistakenly getting some 'cat' in the clone of one Nelson A. Yorkerfeller. "I was fired and they made me take my mistake with me, but it turned out okay. Not only is Meyorkie – as I call him – a great pet, but it turns out he's very popular with cat lovers who are allergic to felines and dog lovers who are allergic to canines. I can't breed more of him fast enough to keep up with the demand for pups!" Barkley also dropped a hint about his next pet project: "Just think of turtles for people who like 'low maintenance' combined with a giraffes for people with low

PIGMALION

"We adopted Buster when he was just a piglet," said West Texas rancher Jeb Shaw. "Cutest little Vietnamese potbelly pig you ever did see." As Buster grew Shaw became aware of the little pig's sadness. "He didn't roll in the mud and butt heads with the rest of 'em. Kept to himself, real quiet like." It wasn't until Buster reached adolescence that the vet finally diagnosed the pig's problem. "Buster started developin' horns. Doc said that pig was a genetic anomaly, probably caused by some hanky panky between a sow and an Asian wart hog. I'm not exactly sure *how* they got hooked up, but I can tell you from personal experience that strange things happened in 'Nam." Even though Buster doesn't join in other pigly games, he is beloved by his owners. "And he's terrific for reachin' food that rolls under the 'frigerator."

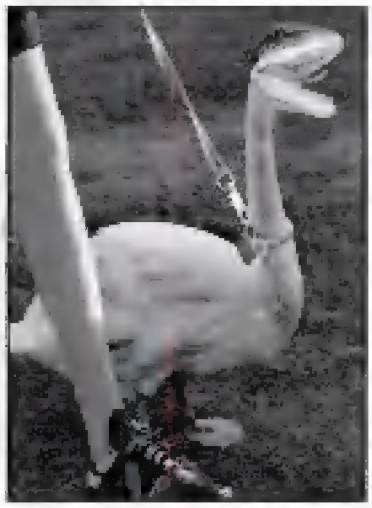


STRANGE BREEDS

Sulpher Springs, Nevada has the most unique ecosystem in the American northwest. "The town was built around these waterways which are connected, deep within the Earth, to the San Andreas Fault," explained geologist Ethel Merrmer. "As a result, the entire Periodic Table of Elements percolates up from

While the springs make large sections of land uninhabitable, it does provide the locals with a lucrative local business. "We sell exotic pets on the very high-end market," said Mayor Gregg Rousso. "In our case, exotic means 'mutant.' We let a bunch of regular animals roam loose around the springs and then see what sort of offspring they produce." The results are endlessly surprising, Dr. Merrmer admitted, but creatures like the 'frabbit' have proved endlessly popular. "We believe in the old saying, 'When life hands you a lemon, make

ons that grow around here, you'd probably be able to make fissionable grade uranium. The point is, that's just what we natives have done," Dr. Merrmer said as she happily winked the big eye in the center of her forehead.



DINOSAUR LAKE

Though dinosaurs have been extinct for more than sixty-five million years, the species lives on in its modern-day descendants: birds. "I expected to spend the rest of my life looking for the genetic link between today's birds and yesterday's dinosaurs," said Dr. Lawrence Attenborough of London's Institute of Genetic Research. "But three months into it...problem solved! I found the bit of bird DNA that serves as the sort of 'on-off' switch for the gene's *original* configuration. In other words, by flipping that switch, I can make a gene act as it first did, before the millions of years of mutations that lead to birds." Environmentalists and medical ethicists are both upset about Attenborough's discovery. "Sure, a swan with a velociraptor's head is cute and cuddly," said Animals Are People Too Spokesmammel Irwin Klump, "but nobody's going to be so *'ahhh!'* when their house is stomped on by a sixty-foot tall sparrow built like a T. rex!"

DUCK!

When Peking the Duck first arrived in the kitchen of Hong Kong restaurateur Wayne Wonton, he seemed no different than the other mallards with whom he had been shipped. "The cooks started slaughtering the ducks for the dinner rush," said Mr. Wonton. "Seeing this, Peking went crazy, quacking up a storm and repeatedly running head-first into the wall. By the time we restrained him, his head was all swollen and his beak broken. He was just too ugly to serve to our customers, as our famous roast duck comes with the head still on." Peking repeated his head banging act every night until Wonton decided that the bird was more valuable as a tourist attraction and even redesigned his restaurant to showcase the strange bird's unusual survival technique. "You might say our little friend has created quite a

SOMETHING CHEESY THIS WAY COMES

"Whatever you do," Mexico City cheese shop owner Carlotta Santos warned before lifting the cover on the cage, "do not look into his eyes!" Residing in the cage is Pepé, a rat brought home last year by her eleven year-old son, Pablo. "I do not remember bringing him home," Pablo said of that day. "However, since he is here, it is my duty to see that Pepé is never without cheese! Pepé *must* have cheese! *Cheese for Pepé!*" Pablo's mother must snap her fingers to break her son's trance. "The gaze of Pepé is hypnotic," she said. "He mesmerized Pablo to bring him home, just as he forces any who meet his mesmerizing gaze to give him cheese." That said, Mrs. Santos is thankful that cheese is all Pepé wants. "He's obviously smart enough to have chosen Pablo to adopt him because he comes from a family of cheese sellers. Imagine if he ever gets his fill of cheese, though," she said with a shudder. "Who knows to what evil ends he might next turn his powers!"

A RIBBETING TALE

The Calaveras County Fair and Frog Jumping Jubilee was made famous by writer Mark Twain. Held every year in northern California, the Fair brings the greatest amphibian athletes together to compete for the bragging rights of the world's longest jump. This year, a new competitor has the old guard frog jockeys up in arms. "I dunno *what* that critter is, but it sure ain't like no frog I've ever seen," said one Phibby, owned by nine-year-old Jason Hopper of Florida. "Phibby's part frog, part crocodile ... and part something that's got five eyes, I guess," Jason said. "But there's nothing in the rules about how many eyes your jumper can have." Despite the fact that the 'crog' made a first jump of one hundred twelve feet, three inches against the next closest jump of almost twenty-two feet, Jason's eighteen pound frog lost. "He jumped right out of the arena and was disqualified," said Jason. "Still, now that he's gotten a taste of competition, you can bet he'll be ready for next year." Jubilee officials insist that Phibby will not be welcomed back. Said

IT'S ALWAYS THE CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

"I've been breeding lovebirds for sixty-seven years," said amateur ornithologist Mildred Pinkeye of Luton, England. "But I've never had anything like *this*." Miss Pinkeye was taken aback when the mating pair, Angelina and Brad, produced Vaughn, a decidedly unloving lovebird. "He's vile," Miss Pinkeye confided. "I've never seen a lovebird who wouldn't pair up. He attacks the other birds, bites anything or anyone who gets near, and, to make matters even worse, smells atrocious. Brad was quite upset when Vaughn hatched ... any fool could see the chick wasn't *his*." As a result, Miss Pinkeye's birds have made ornithological history as the first pair of lovebirds ever to divorce.

WORST CARNIVAL PRIZE EVER!

Sixteen weeks ago, Fred Applethwaite of Apricot, California, won a goldfish at a local carnival. "At least they *said* it was a goldfish," said the forty-year-old. "Once we got it home, we realized it was something...*unholy*!" Shortly after the newly christened Lovecraft McSquiddington took up residence in a glass bowl on the kitchen counter, things started to disappear. "First it was a steak we'd left out to marinate, then the cat, and a week later, it was the whole Kleindigger family, who were last seen at a barbecue at our house." All efforts to flush or otherwise rid themselves of Lovecraft proved fruitless and the family is still attached to their aquatic friend. "We believe he is the product of a union between fish and demon, since he won't die – even when we drain the water from his tank to, uh, clean it," whispered Mr. Applethwaite. It was the last thing he said before vanishing for what his

MONKEY IN THE HOUSE

Jimmy has lived his life in the world of hip hop music for the last decade and, next month, will release his seventh album, *Jiggy In Da Jungle*. What makes Jimmy unique in the music industry is his choice of instrument. "My man, the main monkey, he don't got the thumbs to play regular instruments, know what I'm sayin'?" said his owner, producer Bigger Melvin. "So Jimmy, he just flings his food, his toys, even his waste at the wall and makes music out of the different sounds it makes when it hits." Bigger admits Jimmy's style takes some getting used to but said critics have been kind to the musical monkey. "They're happy not to be listening to the same old crap."

PARIS WHEN SHE SIZZLES

The sign outside of Puzzenbootz, a small town in northern Germany, proudly proclaims it to be home to 'Paris the Abyssinian, the Hero Cat.' "Several years ago, a forest fire sparked by lightning in the middle of the night threatened to jump the road and engulf a portion of the town," Fire Chief Hanz Fahrenheitz explained. "We all slept through it, except for Paris, the stray who lived in the alley behind the fish market. Until then, Paris was an outcast, this strange and frighteningly ugly loner whom none would befriend. Yet when the fire threatened, she leapt to our defense, racing up and down the streets of town, howling through her sickeningly awoke us in time and Puzzenbootz was saved from destruction. In gratitude, we adopted her as mascot." Dr. Franz Gruber, the local veterinarian, agreed that the cat saved the town, though was not so certain of Paris' heroism. "I think the fact that her tail was on fire at the time might have had

TEST YOURSELF

Strange Events Throughout History

For years, *Weekly World News* has kept you up to date on the most extraordinary events from around the world — and off. As a faithful reader, how much do you know about supernatural phenomena?

1. According to legend, to see fairies you must pick a four-leaf-clover and then:

a) Call the fairies.

b) Lie quietly in a field.

c) Eat the clover.

d) Toss the clover over your shoulder.

2. Where do dwarves typically live?

a) Forests.

b) Castles.

c) Underground.

d) Underwater.

3. When a leprechaun is cornered, the only way he can escape is:

a) By hypnotizing you.

b) If you look away.

c) Asking a riddle you cannot answer.

d) Telling him your name.

4) Leprechauns guard gold to keep it from humans. What makes that job more difficult for them?

a) They lose the keys to the treasure chest.

b) Blood hounds sniff them out.

c) Rainbows give them away.

d) Elves betray them.

5. The old Norse magical word *Alfheimr* means:

a) I'll find you!

b) After death.

c) Elf home.

d) All fear!

6. How tall are elves?

a) Three feet.

b) One inch.

c) The size of a human baby.

d) Human size.

7. Another word for elf is:

a) Creeper.

b) Sprite.

c) Golem.

d) Chimera.

8. While preparing mummies, Ancient Egyptian priests wore jackal-shaped masks, the symbol of Anubis, the god of:

a) Winter.

b) Embalming.

c) The Earth.

d) Pyramids.

9. The word Sphinx means:

a) Cat.

b) Watcher.

c) Killer.

d) Warrior.

10. The famous cross-like Egyptian symbol the 'ankh' is the symbol of:

a) Royalty.

b) The sun.

c) The moon.

d) Life.

1. b)

2. c) They are excellent miners and smiths, spending their time finding treasure and making armor.

3. b) He also might blind you with a pinch of snuff, and then escape.

4. c) Rainbows lead to the location of the gold.

5. c)

6. d) Gnomes, leprechauns, pixies, and fairies are smaller, though.

7. b) It has nothing to do with the soda.

8. b)

9. c) First named by the Greeks.

10. d) It's also known as the Egyptian Cross.

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1 Popeye's power
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12 Snoozed
17 Coverness
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25 Stabbed with a lance
27 Blunder
28 Fingerless glove
29 Scold, rebuke
30 Play part (2 wds)
31 Roadside trash
33 Part of the eye
35 Stringent
36 Docking location
37 Wax taper
38 Toughens by use
41 Come out of the egg
43 Contract card game
45 Dispatched
46 Company slogan
47 Musical composition
49 Faithful servants
50 Medicinal pill
52 A Steinway, for one
56 Take a breather
58 Vivacity, verve
59 Boys
60 Lays down lawn turf
61 Golfer's hazard
64 Implied
66 Intelligent
69 Mingr tiffs
71 Wading bird
72 "Go — young man"
74 Becomes rancid
76 Trap
77 Steel type
78 Bowling alley divisions
79 Terminates employment
80 Extremely angry
81 Bosc and Anjou
84 Health club
85 Morsel of food
86 Basketball venue
88 Cooking herb
89 Crescent-shaped figure
90 Absolute chaos
91 Rainbow fish
92 Swallow
94 Coral barrier
95 Shish kabob stick
98 Generic dog name
99 "Beware the — of March"
100 Stock cars
104 Furious
105 Caffeinated beverages
106 Sixth sense (Abbr)
111 Hawaiian geese
113 Rants and —
114 Marvin or Majors
116 Shut with force
118 Builds
120 Abhor
121 Hauls behind
122 Invigorating medicines
124 Cereal grains
126 Baby's first word?
127 Nutmeg, clove and oregano
129 Gag
130 The lay of the land
131 Hair conditioners
132 Frighten
133 British sports car
134 Nashville's st.
135 Hue, tint
136 Young felines
140 Retired military person
142 Spaceship occupant
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147 Charged particles
148 Floor model
149 Public squares
150 Religious image
151 Neck scarves
154 Water ladle
157 Bothersome bug
158 Panel truck
159 Knuckle-dragging thugs
162 "To — own self be true"
163 Observe
164 Quasimodo rang these
167 Run away to wed
169 Talkative bird
171 Happy
173 Milk producers
174 Literary compositions
179 Big truck
180 Extra tires
183 Conscription process
185 Cleaned up the garden
188 Thoroughfare
190 "A means to — —"
191 Get up
192 Took a load off
193 Animal pelt
195 Long for
196 Leg joint
197 Offensive smell
198 Shimmering fabric
200 Atmospheric gauge
202 He had the golden touch
205 Lucky number
207 Writing instruments
208 Poker stakes
209 Sale place
210 Droopy-eared red hog
212 Long billed sand piper
213 Identical
215 Opponents
216 Physically painful
217 Exclamations of disgust
219 Was aware of
221 Modify a bill
223 Solemn promise
225 16th century dance
227 Spanish artist El —
229 Queues
231 Follicularly challenged?
232 Beige color
233 Helicopter blade
236 Scholarship gifts
237 Bring into existence
239 Mayflower traveler
241 Topeka's state
244 Virginal
245 Cuban leader
247 Gushed forward
249 S. Pacific island
251 Short necklace
253 Basic belief
254 Precipitated frozen rain
255 Evergreen seed (2 wds)
258 Insurance clause
259 Quickest
258 Goes with dangerous
259 Ditties
260 Backwards

DOWN

2 Artist
3 Whole, unaltered
4 "It's — whether you win or lose..."
5 Fruit beverages
6 Penny
7 Small spot
8 Cuts short
9 Pie — — mode
10 N.Y. ball club
11 Allergic reaction
12 Ancient Greek city
13 Lecturer (Abbr)
14 Consume
15 Goes forward
16 Apartment occupants
18 Pass on information
19 City in Pennsylvania
20 Paintings, sculpture, etc.
21 Hand cream
22 Capital of New Jersey
24 Japanese sashes
26 Tender ding
28 Unaccounted for soldier (Abbr)
32 Groove in the ground
34 Automatons
36 Book of synonyms
39 Felonious thefts
40 Perspires
42 Inflicts pain
44 Athletic groups
45 Thin, narrow boards
46 Sail supports
48 Headmaster
49 Avoid capture
51 Tiny insects
53 Use dynamite
54 Indicates with the finger
55 Not in use
57 Exhausted
60 Gawk at
62 Move turbulently
63 Practical joke
65 River ducks
67 Fascinated, engrossed
68 Jeweled crowns
69 Hunch over
70 Perky
71 Punches
72 More intelligent
73 Individual
75 Hard metal
79 Public transportation charges
82 Knock lightly
83 "Where there's —, there's fire"
86 Apple drink
87 A single item
90 Pickling solution
93 Valuable collection
96 Merlot and port
97 Always
101 Malt beverages
102 Broken bone coverings
103 Extremely damaging
105 Christmas tree ornaments
106 Disastrous event
107 The Loch — —
109 Blackthorn fruit
110 Wide legged trouser
112 Celestial body
113 Scarlet and crimson
114 Confines to a small area
115 Wide mouth jug
117 Roman numeral
119 Flower parts
120 Intimidated
121 Up to
123 Routine task
125 Stop, yield and wrong way
126 Fawned over
128 From the Vatican
130 Killer whale
137 Have possession of
139 Bug rats
141 Give off
143 Once around the track
144 Military command: At —!
146 Beer cousin
149 Gets ready
152 Unaccompanied flight
153 Young horses
155 Heaped up
156 Baseballer Slaughter
160 Pursue
161 Winter conditions
164 Teetering, on the —
165 Cardboard box
166 Goes with hurled
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171 Smiles
172 — Miserables"
174 Tiny
175 Garment joints
177 Oxen collars
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179 Glut
181 Tapped gently
182 The sign of the Ram
183 Issue a challenge
184 Ballerina's costume
186 Take a sip
187 Confusion
189 Hold an opinion
192 Rescued
194 Sitcom repeat
197 Mattress coil
198 Bank vaults
199 Ever and —
200 Uncovered
201 Rascal
203 Imitator
204 Waste disposal pipeline
206 Gaming implement
209 Shoutef
211 Type of bank account
214 Choral composition
216 Egg turner
218 Class of clouds
220 Annoys
222 Untidy conditions
224 Rode on the wing
226 Inflammation of the iris
228 Spaniel type
230 Business abbreviation
231 Large mouthed fish
243 Group of soldiers
235 Paddle
237 Native American tribe
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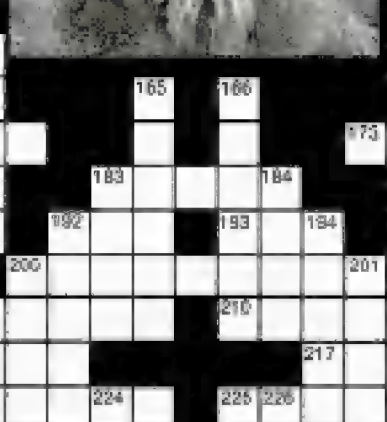

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HOW TO PLAY

Look up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find all the "TOP HEADLINERS" words and topics in the list below.

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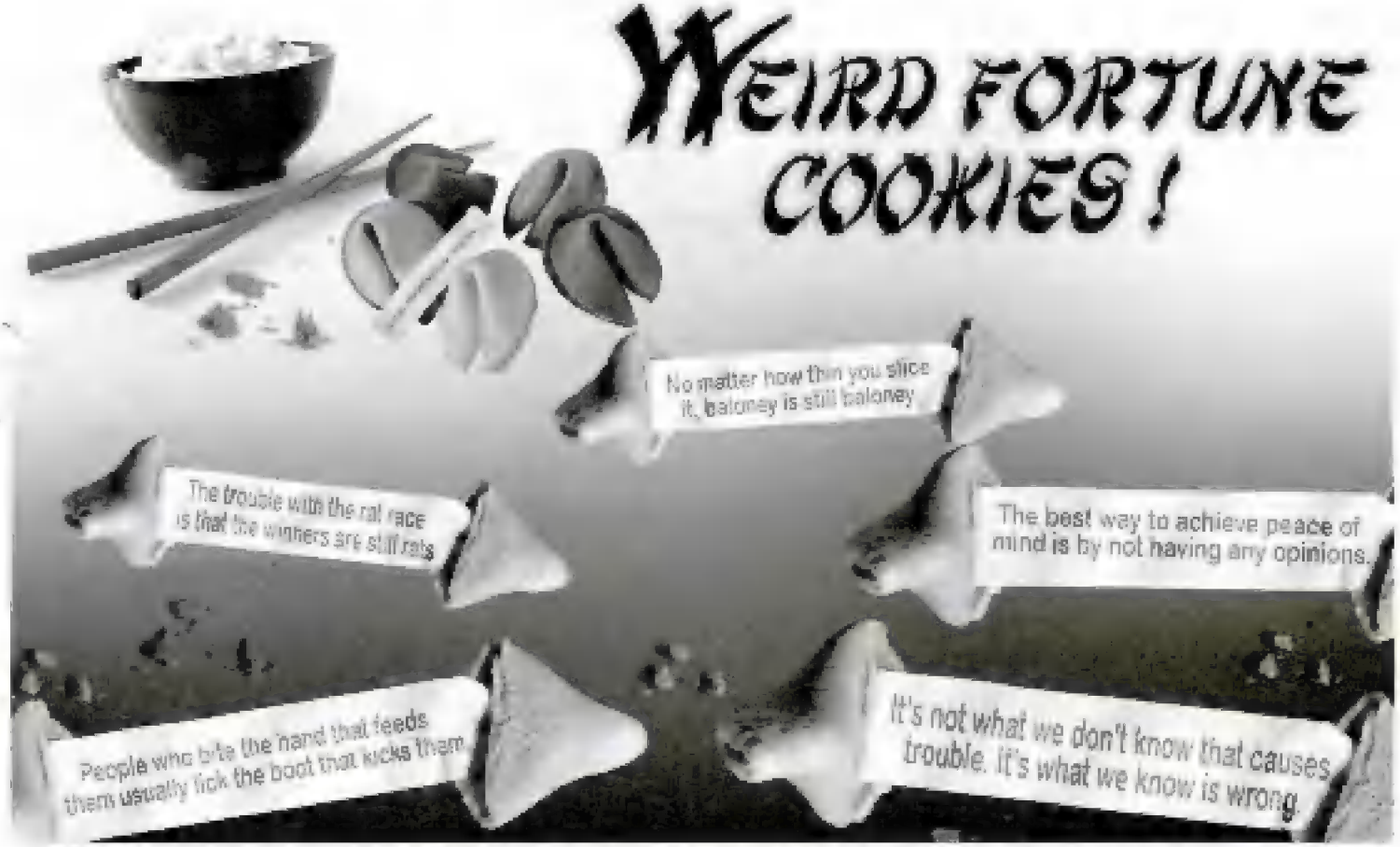

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

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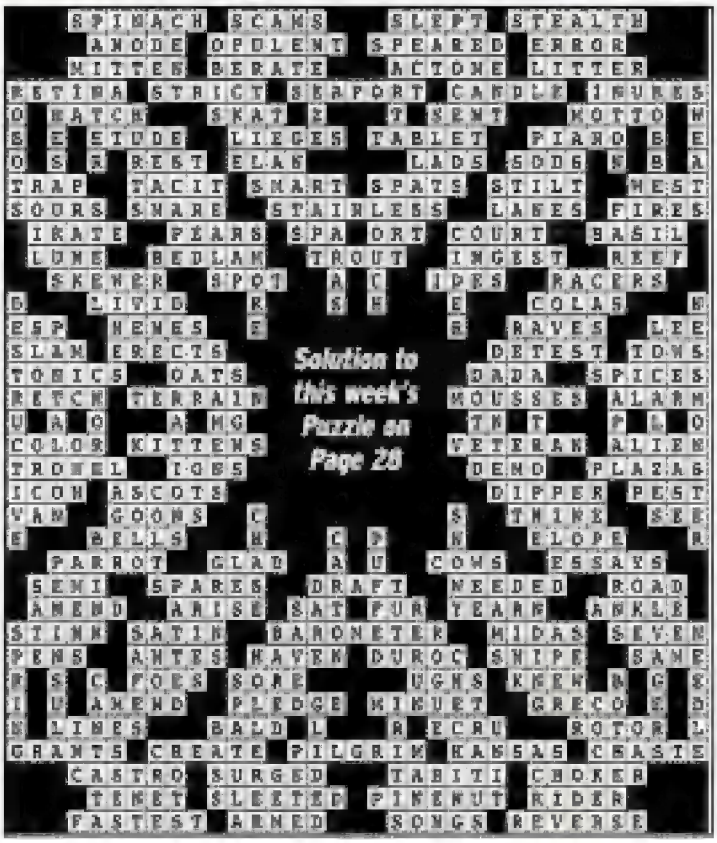

ALIEN AMBASSADOR ESSAYS

In the May 14, 2007 issue of *Weekly World News*, a contest was held to determine which human being could best represent our species as ambassador to alien civilizations. Faithful readers recall an E.T. who shed liquid mercury tears as he missed his homeworld and was going to bring one of us along with him as a representative.

The offices were overwhelmed with responses and choosing the best of the bunch proved difficult. For the last two weeks, we have been presenting a representative sampling of the essays received. Next week's final essay will be from our grand prize winner, so don't miss a single issue!

Hello. I have always been interested in alien activity and things of the unusual. I am the perfect example of a good world citizen. Please allow me to lay down my case for you.

I am a 15 year-old homeschooled student in the 11th grade. I am graduating two years early with honors.

I volunteer three days a week at a local hospital. I am also an editor of the Best Friends Animal Network cyber newsletter. Also I volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and am a Greenpeace USA grassroots event coordinator.

I have been given the President's Award for Educational Excellent and scholarships to the Lamar State College Junior & Advanced Discovery program.

Renee Valdez
Las Vegas, NV

The visitors that set down on my 120 acres of land are for the most part friendly. We have reached an agreement, although not verbally, that they will leave my cattle alone. When they first landed on my property in late 2001, north of the back creek, I had a little trouble getting them to mind. I had to point at my cattle and give them a firm, "NO" with my finger indicating that they should leave them alone. So far they have complied with my wishes. To me this indicates that we have a mutual respect for each other, something that I feel I can build on as an Ambassador, although the learning curve was steep when they first arrived. The amount of probing has subsided considerably. This included some type of, what seemed to me, medical device. Although there was not any body cavity probing, there was a considerably amount of "alien finger probing" performed.

For whatever reason they have picked my small piece of earth to visit and I have responded in a hospitable manner. When on my land they seem to enjoy the smell of the earth and frolicking in the creek. Sometimes, I get the feeling that they come to Earth as a picnic location.

Russell Calhoon
Harveyville, KS

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Due to fuel prices, I am unable to travel much. So, if I was accepted to go with E.T., I can solve the fuel prices myself. I would stick it to the oil hogs "in" the area they deserve it!!

I would call my mission PMD (Probe of Mass Destruction). I would plant the probes in all the main oil companies CEO's. Each time prices go up, the probe gets bigger. Example: imagine the CEO of a main oil company is having an expensive dinner with family and friends. They are laughing and having a good time. Then the fuel prices go up... and BAM...their probe grows bigger! Of course, this "disrupts" their meals as well as their insides. The only way they can apologize to their guest is saying, "It's just some gas issues I'm having." The way to get the probe smaller is to lower the fuel prices. However, you can get "used" to the probe at a certain size. So, after a week, if the prices still haven't gotten any lower the probe will reset to its "original" size. Once the fuel is at a "comfy" price, then the oil hogs will be "comfy" with their probes.

I would help control the probes so the extraterrestrials can have a break. Also, if word gets out about eh probes, they will "self disrupt." I am sure the gas companies will keep things quiet, there will be a BIG gas leak.

Beam me up! I'm ready!

Teresa Eliasoff
Saginaw, TX

For quite a few years, I have been on this tainted orb, and have often wondered what life would be like somewhere else. I've always been an outcast, an "alien" if you will to the people of Earth. When I phone home, no one answers. My imaginary friend plays with the other kids across the street. It's been so long since I have had an intellectual conversation with someone intellectual. I've only come across mediocre ones since Bush II joined the White House. I sometimes even see the "UFO's" (and I know what they are just as much as the next guy) and wish they'd see me with my big thumb extension, waving it in the night air, trying to bum a ride off this ball of what should be methane. I'm currently building a spotlight to send "them" signals to come and get me so we can go out for a cruise on Saturday nights. One night a week is all I ask for, really! We can give each other high fours/fives, turn the "war" room into a bingo hall, and cruise at "Ludicrous" speed without our crash helmets! Oh, how much longer do I have to wait?, Please *WWN*, send me to that great place, somewhere out there, where I can finally be welcomed, respected, and received as an equal among those who are misunderstood by humanity. I wanna join up with the little people and go on the super-coolest interplanetary barhop ever!

Howard Yates
111 Pawley Lane
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With reference to the article on page 26 in the *Weekly World News* of May 14/2007, enclosed is the form from that page.

Question number four on the form suggests instruction of some length is available (alien languages) – where might that be? I expect your have a name that I might refer to but none is listed in the article (as above) unless it is a biological-genetic function that identifies you – the way a symbol is pronounced could give a different meaning altogether as in certain oriental languages. For instance, "P'lod" is pronounced exactly how? Is that a nickname or the full name – does it define a gender? Or perhaps a codename?

Too many questions perhaps – a few more I suppose are in order.

The picture suggests you are a species of Gray, are you? I'm aware that some species have the capacity to change form to suit their surroundings so as not to frighten existing lifeforms, perhaps you are in this category too. What planetary system and/or star system is your origin? I would like to acquire one of your smaller spaceships for my own use – how might I do that? I am aware that teleport capacities exist (the terminology is approximate) but I'm not schooled in how to do it, specifically. I had once suggested a manufacturing facility for smaller "saucers" but I guess you've done that already as is most obvious.

So, have a wonderful day and a short essay as is required on the reverse of this letter.

Stephen P. Orsetti

P.S. Specific qualifications/schooling is exactly what? Not too specific!

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ENVIRONMENTALISTS DEMAND "NO MORE SLEEPING WITH FISHES!"

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Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Once a sideshow attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert

Schizophrenia is Genetic

Dear Mr. Horse: What causes schizophrenia? Is it genetic or environmental?

Paul Flint, Portland, Ore.

Dear Paul: Studies with twins indicate that there's definitely a genetic component in as many as eighty percent of cases. There also seems to be a correlation between schizophrenia and living in urban settings. It could have to do with the crush of people, the noise or the constant exposure to people of varied temperaments. Studies also suggest that prenatal exposure to infections can increase the risk. Strangely enough, people with schizophrenia in the northern hemisphere are more likely to have been born in spring or winter, though no one knows why. Finally, certain drugs can trigger the onset of the disease — or a relapse. For instance, amphetamines cause the release of dopamine, which, in large amounts, is thought to cause many symptoms of schizophrenia. Even with all of this information, there is clearly a lot that doctors still don't know about the disease.

Insomnia the Cause?

Dear Mr. Horse: I've been having trouble sleeping for the past few weeks. Am I getting insomnia?

Rita Gold, Las Vegas, Nev.

Dear Rita: It could have something to do with the fact that you live in a brightly lit, lively, over-stimulated town! Neon and noise excite the nervous system much like sitting too close to a TV or computer monitor, and can definitely keep you awake. There are many other reasons people have trouble sleeping. Stress is obviously a big one, since a busy mind is not easy to shut down. There is also what's called 'learned insomnia,' which happens when a person who sleeps poorly begins worrying about it, tries harder to sleep, and can't. What you put in your body also plays a huge role in sleep quality. Drinking caffeine or smoking, even if it's not right before bedtime, can cause you to stay awake or to wake later in the night, since they're both stimulants. And people have reported better quality sleep when they cut back on sugar-filled junk food and eat more fruits and vegetables. If the body is getting superior fuel, it makes sense that it will function more effectively, even in rest mode. Erratic working hours can also interfere with proper sleep, since the body has an internal clock that is easily thrown off. Whenever I went to a big city to compete in a horse show, the hubbub and the long hours made it very difficult to get a proper night's rest!

MONKEY BUSINESS

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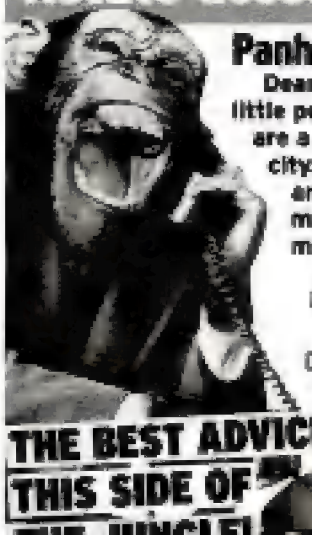

Panhandlers' income

Dear Mr. Chimp: This may seem a little politically incorrect, but there are a lot of homeless people in this city. I'm wondering if there are any statistics about how much money panhandlers actually make?

David Roberts, San Diego, Calif.

Dear David: One recent study indicated that panhandlers earn anywhere from a few dollars a day on the low end to twenty – the average – to roughly three hundred dollars a day. The most successful are those who are (or who pose as) war veterans. Panhandlers who own pets also elicit more pity. Women tend to receive the most charity, especially if they have children. The least effective methods are those in which the homeless approach motorists who are stopped at a light. Time is short and windows are often closed. Regardless, I've always marveled at peoples' generosity toward those less fortunate. This was quite a revelation to me. In the wild, weakened animals aren't fed – they're eaten.

Dear Mr. Chimp: Do you think money is the root of all evil?

Sally Dickens, Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sally: To me, the only evil roots were the ones I tripped over in the jungle. Money is an essential part of civilized life, and the pursuit of money is an understandable one. Blind greed is the root of all evil, when the desire for money tramples morality and integrity into the ground. But money is just one of many things that can be taken that far. None of these things by themselves is evil. It's us, Sally, that makes them so.

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CHATSWORTH, Calif. — "I'd been hooked on cigarettes since I was sixteen and I'm thirty-two years old," construction worker Nic Debris told *Weekly World News*.

"I've tried nicotine patches, gum, hypnosis, antidepressants, antioxidants, herbal teas, acupuncture and cold turkey — often in combination — but with limited success. I'd go three or four months without a drag but when I'd get stressed, the first thing I'd do would be to light up.

"I was either an addict with no willpower or a man with a death wish," he said. "Either way, I needed professional help — quick!"

A local newspaper article brought Debris to Dr. Knut Flemming of Pasadena. Dr. Flemming was reported to have pioneered a novel procedure known as lung-stapling.

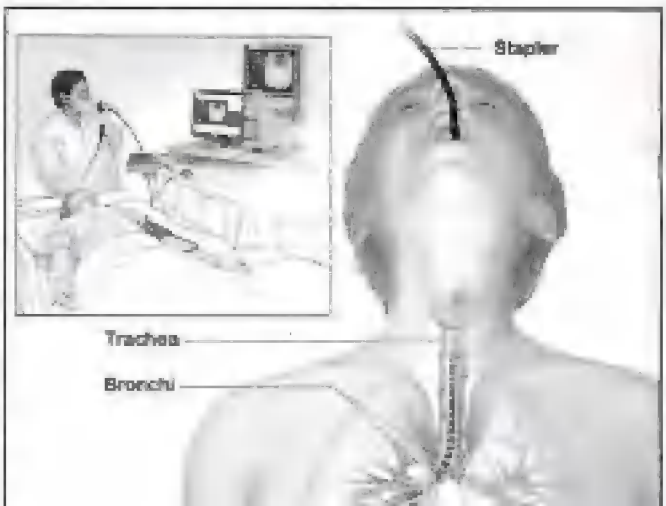
"Not unlike the stomach-stapling treatment for chronic obesity, lung stapling involves tightening the bronchial passages to allow only the tiniest amounts of air through," the fifty-

procedure, the lungs stop sending oxygen to the brain, causing him or her to black out. Upon losing consciousness, the non-smoking lungs immediately reactivate the brain, reviving the patient."

Debris had a birthday coming up in July, and his wife treated him to the operation. Since the procedure, performed last month, Debris has been smoke free.

"It was a bit rocky at first," Debris said. "Between all the hacking-up and bumps on my head from blacking out, I was a bit of a mess. The good news is I've given up the 'coffin nails.'"

"The bad news," his wife said, "is it took him seven puffs to blow out his birthday candles!"



TIE-DYE MAKEOVER

Michael Lucas, 31, was given a major promotion just days after starting a new job because of his "groovy" eye for clothing.

Lucas was given the title of V.P. of Operations at Western Blue Telecom because of what his superiors cited as "a really choice fashion sense that is totally boss."

"I just took a white, long-sleeved collared shirt and tie-dyed it all these bright colors," Lucas said at his promotion party. He claimed he did it to "get noticed," and apparently it worked.

Several other businessmen tried to follow Lucas' lead in the next several years with mild success, but the trend never truly caught on.

"It worked for me because I was the first, the original one," Lucas explained years later in a 1985 TV interview. "But tie-dye wasn't really meant for suits. It was for the younger kids who didn't care about getting jobs, much less promotions."

— DORIAN WAGNER

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MEN

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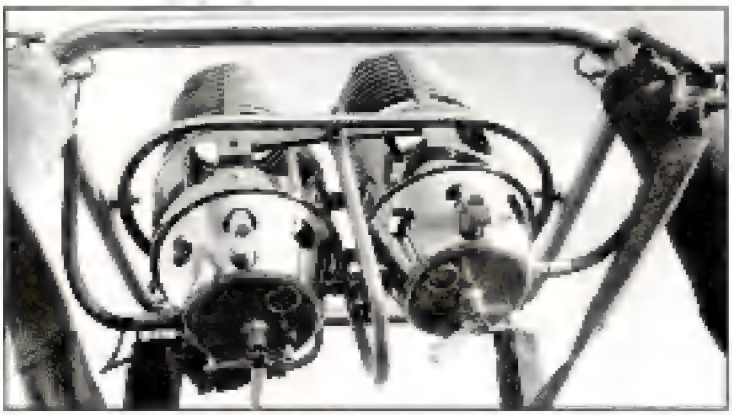

TEANECK, N.J. — It isn't always lucrative being an adventurer who often dresses as an adventuress — even when you're Miss Adventure, the Gayest American Hero.

For every moneymaking enterprise Kevin Andrews has undertaken, there have been exploits that haven't put a penny in his coffers.

Thus, when Andrews and his friend and mentor Danny "Dee Dee" Romano decided to pull up stakes, buy a mobile home, and hit the high road to danger, they found themselves without the wherewithal to accomplish their goal.

The solution? Another race — this time in a balloon!

"One thing you can say about Dee Dee," Andrews told us, "is that he's extremely friendly. Whenever he's missing for a few hours I only have to look under the nearest neighbor to find him.

"Dee Dee knows men in all walks of life, walking all sorts of streets. So it didn't surprise me when he suggested we enter a coast-to-coast balloon race and added that he'd already found us a sponsor."

Romano had known Fred "Frootie" Nickles since the late 1950s. Frootie was the genius behind Nickles' Notions and Novelties, purveyor of such items as X-ray specs, black gum, itching powder and trick handcuffs. In fact, Dee Dee had been the first trick on whom Nickles had tried the cuffs. The company's most popular offering was without doubt the world's loudest and rudest whoopie cushion, known to aficionados of practical jokes as Frootie's Tootie.

In recent years, thanks to kids who are more preoccupied with creating computer viruses and on-line flame wars instead of slipping whoopie cushions under peoples' seats, Nickles' Notions and Novelties had fallen on hard times.

The company needed to promote itself back into the big time, and Frootie was

fired by Dee Dee's idea to finance a gigantic hot air balloon based on the scientific principles inherent in Frootie's Tootie — and to hire Miss Adventure to pilot it from New Jersey to the winner's circle in San Francisco.

In preparation, Andrews chose an appropriate wardrobe ("I went with the classic aviatrix look of Amelia Earhart, rendered in black leather and silver lame.") and bought some Dramamine.

Ominously, on the day of the race, the morning mail brought an ill wind in the form of a poorly scribbled note from the dastardly fiend who'd tried to kill Andrews on two previous occasions — the Mashed Marble! As always, the villain's atrocious script was almost indecipherable, but Andrews got the gist of it.

"The note read, 'What goes up must come down,' " Andrews recalled, "which proved conclusively that the Mashed Marble wasn't anyone I'd ever dated. After reading the note Dee Dee was for calling it quits, but I refused to let the mean old baddie bust my balloon. He was just a loser blowhard. I, on the other hand, had been successfully blowing hard for most of my adult life.

"That afternoon, at the fairgrounds, Frootie Nickles proudly revealed his enormous Tootie. The crowd roared and I heard someone cry out, 'Will you look at the size of the basket on that son of a gun?' Naturally, I started to thank him, but then I saw he was pointing to the wicker basket beneath the balloon."

As Miss Adventure boarded the Tootie, a fan presented him with a large tin labeled "sharp cheese." Then, unexpectedly, the balloon took flight before Romano could climb aboard with provisions.

Andrews was swiftly borne away as Romano made the shocking discovery that the fan — undoubtedly the Mashed Marble — had cut through the mooring ropes and sent the big bag of wind hurtling skyward.

Weekly World News learned what happened next thanks to Miss Adventure's diary, which was found days later in an Oklahoma cornfield.

According to Andrews' desperate scribbles — which still included his distinctive dot-the-i smiley faces — the hero grew hungry after several hours of flight.

He opened the tin of sharp cheese only to have a sharp, spring-loaded knife shoot from within and puncture the balloon.

"The Tootie began to plummet toward the ground far below," Andrews wrote. "There was nothing left for me to do but put my mouth over the hole and puff as hard as I could to keep it aloft. It's a good thing I've learned to inhale through my nose." As the tear in the fabric widened, Andrews tried desperately to remain airborne by removing his clothes and using them to cover the hole.

Adventure who accidentally invaded restricted air space over the White House in Washington, D.C. Jets were scrambled, causing Miss Adventure to climb on the lines and wave to them — quite a feat, since he was holding on with both hands.

At that point, however, the balloon ripped further, gave vent to the ribald wheeze for which all whoopie cushions are famous and, propelled by the wind, shot out of sight.

The entire affair created quite a stir. Lost in the hubbub was the sad fact that Kevin Andrews had vanished without a trace.

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DANGER

PIT BULL
Health issues include skin abrasions, crippling lameness, and missing digits – inflicted on the dog's owner.

CAUTION

NORFOLK TERRIER
Breed known for its ratting abilities. Confide NOTHING.

WARNING

MOSCOW TOY TERRIER
Ownership may be interpreted as collusion in renewed Cold War espionage.

NOTE

APPENZELL MOUNTAIN DOG
May shoplift cheese.

CAUTION

TOY FOX TERRIER
Due to sensitive hearing, use of cell phone near your pet may cause nerve damage.

WEEKLY WORLD HUMOR

The politician was sitting at his campaign headquarters when the phone rang. He listened intently and after a moment, his face brightened. When he hung up, he immediately phoned his mother to tell her the good news.

"Ma," he shouted, "the results are in. I won the election!"

"Honestly?"

The politician's smile faded. "Why bring that up at a time like this?"

"I just purchased the most expensive hearing aid ever made," Stanley told his pal Joe. "Imported from Sweden and guaranteed for life."

"How much did it cost?" Stanley replied, "Five past two."

"You've got to help me," the young man implored.

"I can't stop thinking that I'm a goat!"

His analyst asked, "And how long have you had this problem?"

The man replied, "Ever since I was a kid."

After a heated exchange during a trial, the judge asked both counselors to approach the bench.

"Your Honor," said lawyer Smith, "I objected because my distinguished colleague was badgering the witness. It's obvious he's never heard of the Bill of Rights."

"Rubbish!" snapped attorney Jones. "I happen to know them by heart."

Smith cocked a disbelieving brow. "Do you now? Well, Jones, I have a hundred dollars that says you can't tell me the first few words."

Bristling, Jones accepted the

"Rats," Smith said as he fished the money from his pocket. "I didn't think you'd know."

Jesus was strolling though Heaven when he saw an old man sitting on a cloud, staring disconsolately into the distance.

"Old man," said Jesus, "this is Heaven! Why are you so sad?"

The old man didn't bother to turn as he said, "I've been looking for my son and haven't been able to find him."

Jesus said, "Tell me about it."

"Well," said the old man, still gazing at the sunlit horizon, "on Earth I was a carpenter, and one day my ***him again and I was hoping I'd find him here."***

His heart pounding suddenly in his chest, Jesus bent over the old man and said, "Father?"

The old man turned and cried, "Pinocchio?"

The psychiatric students were attending their first class on emotional extremes.

"Just to establish some parameters," said the professor, "Mr. Nichols: what is the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression, Ms. Biggs?"

"Elation."

"How about the opposite of woe, Mr. Wilson?"

The student replied, "I believe that's giddyap."

Morey came upon his niece, Estelle, sitting by the pool where she was holding a cue stick in the water.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"Fishing," she replied.

Morey smiled. "What kind of fish do you think you're going to catch in there – and with a cue stick, no less?"

Without missing a beat she replied, "A pool shark."

Then there was the unfortunate politician who concluded a speech by saying, "I've never done anything dishonest in my life. All I want from you is a chance!"

A conceited new rookie was pitching his first game. He walked the first five men he faced and the manager took him out of the game. The rookie slammed his glove on the ground as he yelled, "Dam it, the jerk took me out when I had a no-hitter going."

Looking over the shoulder of the man sitting next to him on the train, the fool read: MAN STRUCK BY CAR CRITICAL!

"Well," muttered the fool, "you can hardly blame

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

July 30 - Aug. 5

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	18, 4, 16, 12, 5, 25
TAURUS	36, 28, 12, 10, 22, 13
GEMINI	46, 36, 13, 25, 6, 14
CANCER	36, 25, 21, 32, 1, 8
LEO	24, 7, 22, 21, 46, 27
SCORPIO	29, 14, 32, 19, 32, 41
LIBRA	14, 3, 27, 48, 40, 32
VIRGO	36, 37, 18, 5, 29, 24
SAGITTARIUS	6, 39, 45, 24, 9, 15
CAPRICORN	44, 15, 27, 5, 22, 24
AQUARIUS	12, 2, 13, 48, 7, 44
PISCES	3, 23, 5, 14, 37, 8

If your birthday is this week . . .

The coming year places you in a pivotal role in the lives of others. It comes with great responsibility but you are more than up to the challenge. Be strong and proactive.

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

There are things you want and things you need.

This week, concentrate on the latter. You need to make sure the necessities at home and at work are well in hand before you indulge.

Make sure you cover all your bases and thoroughly handle your obligations. Your friends and family will appreciate the attention to detail.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Human nature has us dwelling on the negative far more often than the positive.

This week, you want to indulge in those black thoughts.

Forget it. You should be stressing the positive things you have done over the last few weeks. Others have noticed and appreciated them, so take some pride for a change. You have been a positive role model.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Inspiration has struck and you should not waste a moment.

All too often you ignore the muse in favor of practical matters but this week, you need to answer the call. Write it down, take a picture, start a drawing...whatever strikes your fancy.

The satisfaction that comes from expressing your creativity will more than make up for any time 'lost' to other pursuits.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

The time has come to shake up the predictable course of your life.

There's a pioneering spirit that has woken up and speaks to you. You want to make plans that will take you away from the ordinary.

With careful thought, planning and consideration, you can bring these thoughts to reality and watch your life blossom in new ways.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

The old phrase, "as one door closes, another one opens," should be your motto this week.

You will feel frustrated and disappointed because certain plans or dreams have not panned out.

Look around you, though, and you will see brand new opportunities that you never even imagined. Explore them to their fullest.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Your connections have felt stretched thin so you worry about how you relate to others.

In fact, you've been so worried about this, you have not noticed that your relations with friends and co-workers are just fine. It's all in your head.

Look around and figure out what led to this erroneous conclusion and then relax. It's better than you think it is.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You feel stuck, unable to get any traction on projects at home.

The stars are shifting position and there will be newfound energy coming your way in only a short while.

The moment you feel the change in the air, seize the opportunity to start again. You will be amazed by what you feel and what you actually can accomplish.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You can feel summer beginning to wane and you want to indulge in melancholy.

Forget it. You need to look ahead and decide what you want to do between now and fall. Then get started.

This should include making new friends, especially a Leo, who may come to mean something very, very special to you.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You've been feeling confused, as if you've been left out of a loop.

This week you will learn that you were right and now you need to find out why.

Prepare yourself to talk it out with a close friend and steel yourself for some hard truths.

Take what you hear in stride and determine to make some amends or changes to improve your life.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

All of last week's hard work will start to show dividends this week.

However, do not slacken your pace and do not shorten your list. You need to finish what you set out to do. This is more than a matter of efficiency, but pride, too.

Savor the rewards earned so far and know that more await you if you can complete your list

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The weather is beginning to change and with it, your moods.

Don't let that spoil your fun and be careful. You may take your moodiness out on a loved one, which will only make you feel worse.

Find ways to insulate yourself from the mood swings. It may be useful to confide in someone for

PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

Unattached Pisces may find it an unusually romantic week. Keep your eyes open for subtle signals from acquaintances.

Those in relationships should also be feeling warm and fuzzy — express yourself through little gifts or gestures to remind your partner they are foremost in your thoughts.

After all, it's always better to give than to receive, especially

WWN INTERVIEW

Sarah Rilby

Her Infant Son Is One Tough Baby

BY MICHAEL ROVIN

Each week, *Weekly World News* interviews people who have experienced extraordinary events on — and sometimes off — the planet. This week we talk to forty-one-year-old Sarah Rilby, whose son is the most sought-after baby in Hollywood.

WWN: Your son is a stunt baby in the movies —

SR: That's correct. He does all kinds of action scenes that regular babies can't do.

WWN: How old is Brian, Mrs. Rilby?

SR: He's eleven months old.

WWN: Don't you think that's a little young to be doing the kind of work he does?

SR: No, Brian's very durable. He got that from his father, who was also a movie stuntman.

WWN: When did Brian express interest in following in his father's footsteps?

SR: Well, he didn't exactly express interest. He can't speak yet, you see. But the day he was born, he was so slippery the doctor actually dropped him. Amazingly, Brian was completely unharmed. Good genes, I knew emulate his father.

WWN: Is his father still working?

SR: No. He checks safety precautions for our son. In fact, he's on a set now working on a prop alligator head. There's a scene in Jungle Tot in which the animal is going to pluck our son from a river and carry him to shore.

WWN: He's made about, what, thirty films?

SR: Thirty-two. He does the stunts in any scene where a baby is put in peril. He was first hired for the action movie, Copperz. Remember the scene where the inner-city cop is trying to run down a fire escape, holding an infant while gunning down the bad guys?

WWN: I didn't see it.

SR: Well, normally they'd use a prop baby. But the director wanted realism. So they used Brian. Audiences were gasping, watching all the bullets whiz by my son. I personally believe that Brian's contribution — the close-ups of his serene and adorable face — were the reason the movie made fifty million on its opening weekend.

WWN: Is that the most dangerous scene he's done?

SR: Hardly. He was in a baby carriage that got hit with a bicycle in *Bad Parenting*. And he was thrown through a window in the thriller, *The Silence of the Terriers*, about a dog who collects human infants. Naturally the window was fake glass and he landed on an airbag.

WWN: That's all pretty intense stuff. Aren't you worried that Brian will be traumatized by these experiences?

SR: No. I told you, it's in his blood.

WWN: But he chews gum, I see —

SR: Actually, he gums gum. No teeth.

WWN: What's on the horizon for Brian?

SR: He's gearing up for his most daring stunt in *Hot Booties*. They're going to light him on fire and film him crawling from a burning nursery school. He's really looking forward to it.

WWN: You're not worried that this line of work will affect his development, the way Hollywood has done to other child actors?

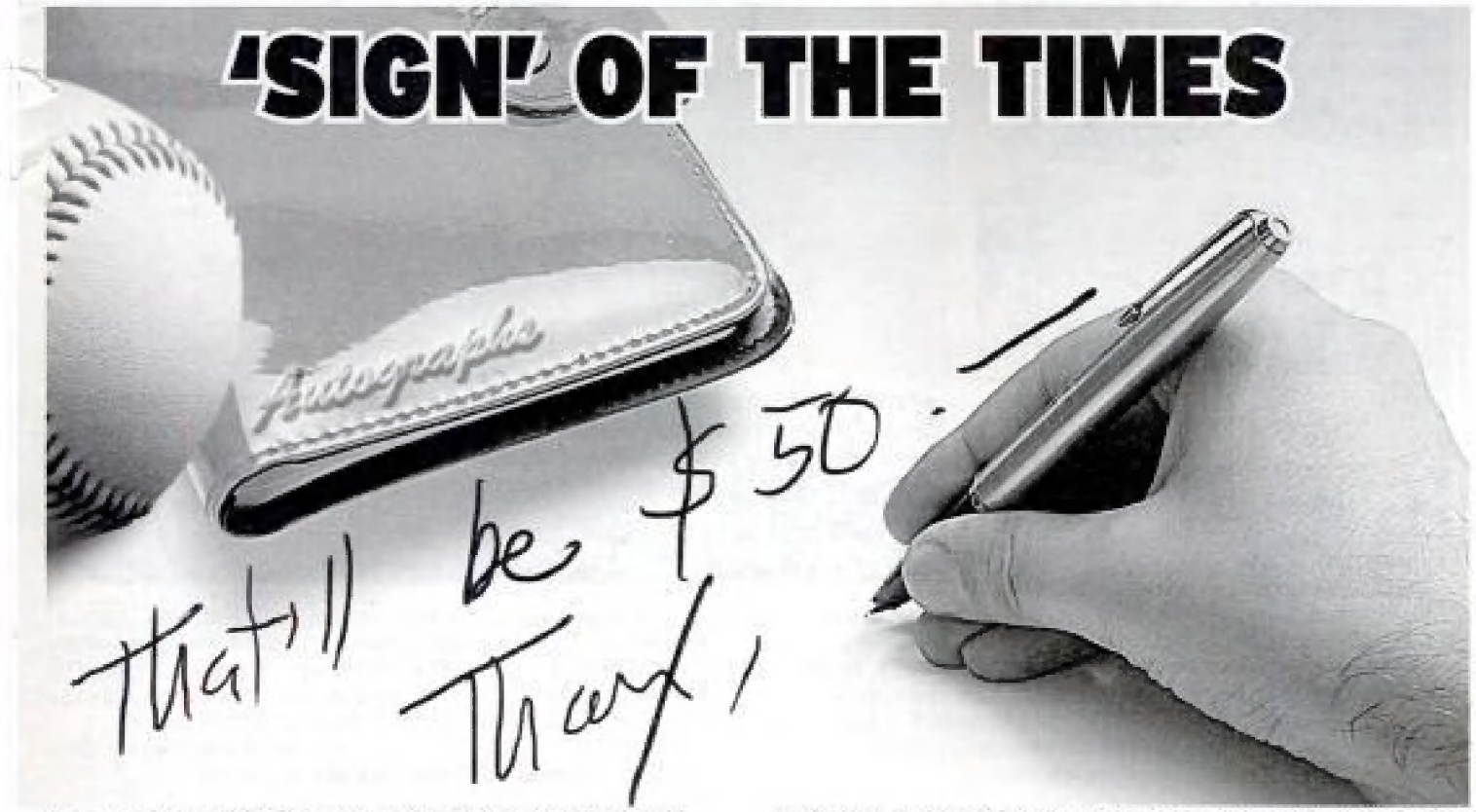
SR: It's true that many parents sacrifice their children's emotional well-being to make them famous. We'll make sure Brian keeps his perspective, his sense of family. After all, we may be throwing the baby out with the bath water — but only for one take.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

'SIGN' OF THE TIMES



I'm madder than a surfer on a creek when I see how the mighty have fallen. Am I talking George Bush or the ratings of *Lost*?

Nope. I'm referring to heroes. Not the TV show — our personal ones.

Out of curiosity, I went to a memorabilia convention recently. There, amidst the tables of comic books and first editions and movie posters, was row after row of meet-the-celebrity tables. Sports stars, TV stars from hit shows of the 1960s, comic strip artists. The public was happy to meet them. I was happy to see the public happy. What made me not-so-happy, though, was seeing fans charged for autographs. Even if you brought your own baseball or photograph, it cost you *a minimum* of twenty bucks for a signature.

Come again?

I understand why it's necessary to charge a couple of bucks for a color 8x10, but I asked one of the organizers why the bedraggled grown-up kid-star (who looked nothing like his kid-self and could have been a ringer, as far as anyone knew) was charging people to sign a *TV Guide they* brought. Or why the creator of a popular newspaper comic strip was charging twenty-five bucks for a quick sketch in *your* notebook — forty bucks for one done in color – when the strip was still in newspapers nationwide.

"Hey, it's part of how they make a living. Besides," she went on, "half these people aren't fans. They're specu-

signing is going to end up on eBay. They're just getting their share of the pie."

Well, I thought, punishing *half* the crowd is not a good enough reason to punish the other half. I've written books that have ended up being resold at secondhand bookstores and on Amazon.com.com and I don't get a dime. I don't like it, but tough on me. That's the way things are. (And when people come up to me at a book signing, I don't make them buy books. If they want a favorite copy of *Weekly World News* signed, they get it. The bookstores aren't happy but – come *on*! How mercenary can you be?)

As for earning a living, Mr. Kid Star, how about doing what the rest of us do: get a job. Casting directors only

once were? Tough luck. Go to school and learn a trade. Your pitching arm went south? Get your realtor's license.

And what about 'good will.' Your newspaper strip is still syndicated: you generate exponential good will and loyalty by giving those sketches away.

Friends, when someone becomes a 'celebrity' it's because a lot of people put them there – with their good wishes and admiration. To turn around and charge those fans for an autograph is an abuse of that support.

Not having a prime time show or a number on your back is a bummer. But *that* is not the definition of a loser.

Ed Anger

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

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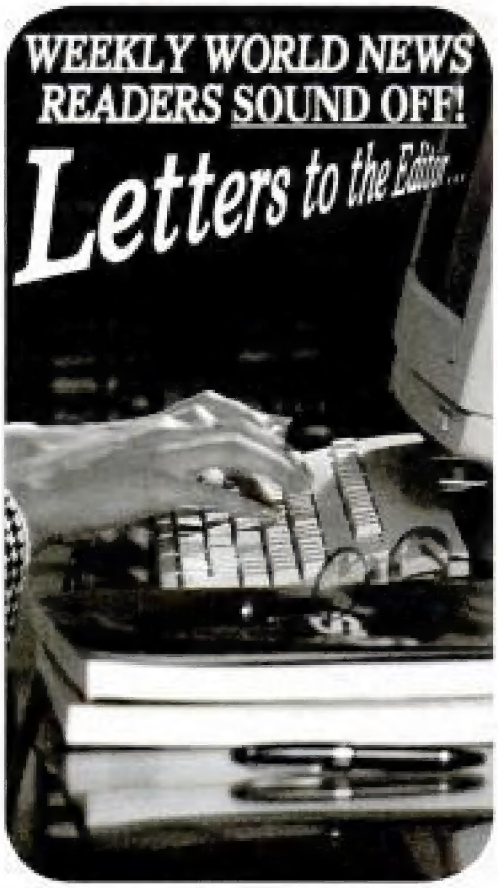


Dear Editor: You don't know how many nights I've dreamt I could fly like a bird. Couple of times I woke up and was actually hanging from my ceiling fan! What can I say? Some people have sweet dreams; I have tweet dreams.

– Nelly F.,
British Columbia, Canada

Just keep thinking happy thoughts.

Dear Editor: I don't understand why everyone is concerned about enemies of America targeting our plants. There are plenty of forests.

– Griffin Aarons,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor: I also don't get why they're worried about the vulnerability of our ports. The best wine comes from France. Shouldn't *they* be afraid of *their* vats being attacked?

– Griffin Aarons,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor: I just got fired from my caretaker job over at the loony bin. I still can't believe those idiot health inspectors called the asylum 'insanitary!' What did they expect? It's full of insane people!

– T. J. Orderly,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Editor: I found these strange lookin' vehicles by the creek. They looked like nothin' I ever seened. They was these burnt bicycles 'cept they didn't got no wheels anywhere. I could just make out some writing: one said 'Har' and the other said 'vison.' I figured they was some kind of extraterrestrial vehicles from the planet Harvison. You think they actually did fall from the sky or somethin'?

– Hank Banks, Bexley, Ohio

Either they did, or you did.

Dear Editor: Tell me, and no funny business! Which weighs more: an ounce of courage or an ounce of brains?

- C. Lion,
Topeka, Kan.

They're both just an 'Oz.'

Dear Editor: How come you call them 'Bigfoots' and not 'Bigfeet?'

– Joshua Jones,
Portland, Ore.

For the same reason we don't throw around 'feetballs.'

Dear Editor: I opened my grandma's fridge for a late night snack and almost barfed when I saw this old piece of cheese - at least I think it was cheese - with colored mold so thick it looked like a small world, with green and brown continents and blue oceans. Do you think there's any chance that tiny cheese people were living there? If so, what happens to cheese people who are lactose intolerant?

– Eric Stoffers, Colts Neck, N.J.

You'll find them in your grandma's soy sauce.

Dear Editor: Tell me, what's the deal with Erie, Pennsylvania anyway? It must be the scariest place on earth, huh? Do a lot of evil spirits dwell there? Do many zombies come out at night? What about werewolves? (They don't scare me.) Do people who live there get special tax breaks or discounts on wooden stakes and garlic? The reason I ask is cause I'm thinking of moving there. I came here thinking there'd be apes and lions and - nada.

– Teresa Lopez, Tarzana, Calif.

Dear Editor: My husband and I were robbed while riding the famous Orient Express. We met a very pleasant couple in the restaurant car who offered to sell my husband a handsome wristwatch. The gentleman and my husband returned to our cabin aboard the train, while the man's very sweet girlfriend and I chatted it up in *their* cabin. When I finally returned to my accommodations I found my husband bound and gagged and all of our valuable belongings were gone, including our prized Shiba Inu, Lucky! And of course the all-too pleasant couple was also gone. It's such a shame - his girlfriend was so nice! But I learned my lesson. You can't judge a crook by his lover!

– Brooke Sheridan, Paris, France

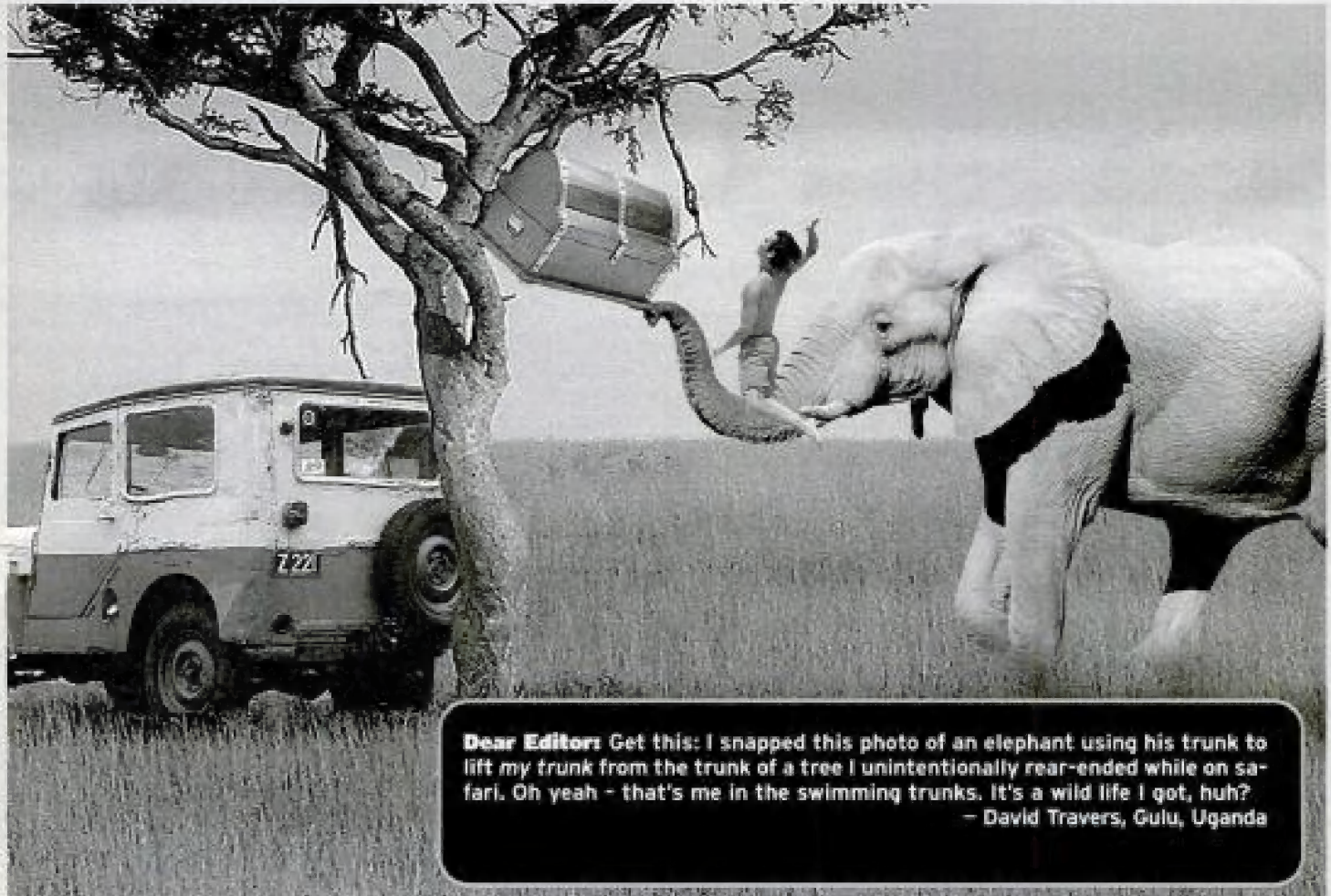
Dear Editor: There's not much a kid can do these days in the city, and my buddies and I are sick of playing stickball in the alleys. So we started this new game called 'tow tipping.' We go out and hook up tow trucks to crazy things like fire hydrants and telephone poles and then laugh when the tows fall over! Ha ha! It never gets old. And motorists love us.

– Oliver Menotti, Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Editor: If the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* are such big, important newspapers, why do they never have any of the big, important news that you guys give us? I'm beginning to think they're all frauds.

– Lady Gray, London, England

Who has Time to read all those so-called news publications?



Dear Editor: Get this: I snapped this photo of an elephant using his trunk to lift *my* trunk from the trunk of a tree I unintentionally rear-ended while on safari. Oh yeah - that's me in the swimming trunks. It's a wild life I got, huh?

– David Travers, Gulu, Uganda

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